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LEE HYSAN LIBEL CASE.

EVIDENCE GIVEN ON DOCUMENTS.

OBJECTION TO A "SERIOUS SUGGESTION."

TRANSLATION POINTS.

The hearing was resumed in the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, of the case in which Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, of Macao, is suing Mr. Lee Hysan for damages for libel and is asking for an injunction to prevent Mr. Lee Hysan from making further publication thereof. The libel complained of was contained in an exhibit attached to a petition which was sent to H.E. the Governor of Macao in which it was suggested that big sums had been paid by the Yau Sing Company to gain control of the Macao opium monopoly.

The plaintiff is represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, while Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. F. C. Jenkin are conducting the case for the defendant.

Chan Kwok-ying, a Court translator, said he had made a certified copy of the translation of the original letter from Fung Chong to Mr. Lee Hysan, containing the alleged libel.

Different Translations.

Mr. Sheldon read the following: "According to the announcement of the Company to the shareholders, the sum of \$70,000 was paid through Ah Nok's hand to Tuk Po (Chinese character sound; you can find out the meaning of it or who he is)."

Mr. Sheldon then asked witness whether there was any trace, in his own translation or in the original Chinese document, of the words in brackets.

Witness replied in the negative. He went on to say that his own translation read to the effect that, according to the report made by the Company to the shareholders, \$70,000 was paid through Ah Nok's hands as security and \$50,000 was paid to the Treasury through Lo Bo's hands.

Mr. Sheldon pointed out that the words in brackets were left out in that translation.

Meant "Security."

In reply to further questions, witness said that the words "Tuk Po" were not in the Chinese document. Witness translated words sounding very much like "Chok Po," which meant security.

Mr. Sheldon:—Are the characters of "Chok Po" and "Tuk Po" different?—Yes.

In the printed letter what did the sounds "Tuk Po" mean?—I cannot tell you exactly.

Does it indicate to you a person or a thing?—A living person.

Mr. Jenkin pointed out that the witness was looking at the English translation when he made that reply.

Mr. Sheldon then asked witness what the sounds "Chok Po" meant in the Chinese document.

Witness replied a thing, and not a person.

Questioned as to the sounds "Tuk Po" witness said the characters were difficult to write because they might mean different things.

Crossword Puzzles.

His Lordship commented that crossword puzzles were not in it when it came to the Chinese language.

Witness explained that the meaning depended on the tone that was used.

Answering Mr. Jenkin, witness said he was familiar with the difficulty of rendering into English, Chinese which would be acceptable to numerous people. When one was endeavouring to obtain the English words it would depend on the dialect the translator was using. When he said that the English words represented the characters "Chok Po," he was using the Cantonese dialect.

Witness said he did not know of a dialect which would give the meaning as "Tuk Po."

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Jenkin said that the Kongmoon

STOKER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

BODY FOUND IN THE NAVAL DRYDOCK.

PATHETIC FEATURE.

Tragic circumstances are associated with the death of Stoker Whitfield, of H. M. S. Sirdar, which is at present in drydock at the Royal Naval Dockyard. The stoker's body was found this morning at 4 o'clock at the bottom of the dock, in a pool of blood.

Exactly how the stoker came to be at the spot where his body was found has not at the moment been definitely established. Enquiries made this morning revealed that he obtained shore leave yesterday and returned to the ship at 3 o'clock in the morning, and it is surmised that he must have fallen either from the gangway or over the side of the Sirdar, a drop of about thirty-five feet. Death must have been instantaneous.

The late Stoker Whitfield was attached to the 8th Destroyer Flotilla and it is understood that he was temporarily lent to H. M. S. Sirdar, on which vessel he had been working for about two weeks before he met his death.

A pathetic circumstance is the fact that the deceased was due to return home in a few days' time.

The body was removed, shortly after discovery, to the Royal Naval Hospital, and the funeral takes place this afternoon.

DOUBLE SHOOTING SENSATION.

FAMOUS WOMAN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

HUSBAND KILLED.

Amsterdam, Mar. 26.

A great sensation has been caused in Stock Exchange and society circles by the news that Madame Van Eeghen, a niece of Sir Henri Deterding, the Director-General of the Royal Petroleum Company, and closely connected with the Shell Company, has been found at her home with a bullet wound in the head.

Her husband was found lying dead with a revolver shot wound in his body.

Madame Van Eeghen, who was the only woman member of the Stock Exchange, was still living. The bullet has been extracted but her condition is critical. Her husband was a prominent rubber merchant.—*Reuter.*

WILD SPECULATION IN NEW YORK.

RECORD-BREAKING SHARE DEALINGS.

New York, Mar. 26.

Another day of frenzied dealing on the Stock Market ended in all records being broken. Over 4,250,000 shares changed hands in the course of the amazing day.

General Motors script soared to a new peak price of 199, while there were numerous other substantial increases interspersed with a few considerable declines.

Rails came quickly into prominence, New York and Pennsylvania reaching the best prices in their history.—*Reuter's American Service.*

EXPENSIVE PASSAGE IN PANAMA.

U.S. WARSHIP DAMAGED AND DAMAGES.

Balboa, Mar. 26.

The giant aircraft-carrier, the U.S.S. Lexington, has arrived at Balboa having traversed the Panama Canal. The journey took twelve hours, considerable difficulty being experienced.

Several heavy concrete lamp-posts and the strong guard-rail beside some of the locks were demolished by the warship, whose sides, owing to her enormous size, were very badly scraped.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW MOTOR ROAD IN KOWLOON.

HIGHWAY PLANNED IN EAST DISTRICT.

CIRCUIT OF LITTLE KNOWN COASTED AREA.

WONDERFUL SCENERY.

The Government has prepared plans for an eastern circular coastal road, in the New Territories, which, when work is completed, will open up a district at present very little known to the average resident.

The part of the Colony to be tapped by the new road is that in which Tai Po, Chai, Salkung, and White Head are some of the best-known spots, and future years might see a new residential quarter springing up as a result of transport facilities being made available to an area which includes some of the finest scenery to be found in the Colony.

Part reconnaissance of the district has already been made by the Public Works Department, but although this work has been carried out, the *Telegraph* is informed that there is no suggestion that work on the new road will be started at the immediate present.

The new thoroughfare will, in a word run from a point near the Kai Tak Reclamation, and after a circuit of the district will join the ordinary motor road at Shatin, running for a distance of about 26 miles. The plans provide for the full accommodation of motor traffic, and special provision will be made to avoid steep gradients and sharp corners.

The Points Touched.

Starting from the Kai Tak reclamation on the north side, the new road will pass along the foreshore at the back of Mau Tau Kok and then skirt the north eastern arm of the bay inside Channel Rocks where it will start rising up the side of the valley.

Reaching the summit above Lau Tong the road will then run more or less on the level to above the western side of Junk Bay, running north-west to cross the valley at a point near to the old supply dam for Rennie's Mills.

It will then run east, above Chung Kwan village, and pass through the gap above Yau U Wan to enter the plateau in which is situated Tai Po, Chai.

The road here will be running nearly due north until it starts the descent into the valley to Heung Chung. The descent will be made by contouring round Hebe Knoll and the road will probably pass in front of Ho Chung and Pak Wai, proceeding along the shore to Hobe Haven crossing the low gap to the west of Salkung Police station near U Li Tau.

It will pass above and to the north of Salkung Village and so rise near Tai Wan to enable it to cross the gap leading down to Three Fathoms Cove.

At Least 26 Miles.

These are the points to which the necessary survey has been carried as yet, but from here the road will probably proceed along the foothills of the Hunchabacks passing inside White Head Point, then to the eastern shore of Tide Cove and so to Shatin to join up with the existing motor road.

The road will be about 26 miles long, Kowloon to Salkung being 12½ miles, Salkung to White Head Point 5½ and White Head Point to Shatin, 8 miles.

The Government plans have not proceeded to the point where it is possible to give a date for the commencement of the building of the new road, but we understand that no unnecessary delay is likely.

BRAZILIAN NAVY.

U.S. DOES RECONSTRUCTION WORK.

Washington, Mar. 26.

The Brazilian Government has paid the United States Navy Department \$4,113,000 for the reconstruction of the Brazilian battleships, Minasgeraes and San Paulo.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THE PRAYA MOTOR FATALITY.

NAVAL C.P.O. CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

TWO OTHER COUNTS.

Arising out of the fatal motor accident on the Praya in the early hours of Sunday morning, charges of manslaughter, of reckless driving and of driving without an appropriate driver's licence were preferred by the police against C.P.O. William George Kelsey, of H.M.S. Ambrose, in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning.

Addressing Kelsey, his Worship said:—"I will explain your first charge to you and I don't want you to say anything on that charge."

The first charge is that you did on 25th day of March in Connaught Road Central, feloniously kill and slay one Tam Tak-yeung, a Chinese male, against the peace of our Lord and King, his Crown and dignity. That is to say, it is a charge of manslaughter against you—by gross negligence in driving a motor car you thereby killed a man."

Continuing, his Worship said:—"The other two charges are merely summary charges and I will take your plea on that. You are charged with unlawfully driving public motor car No. 313 in a reckless manner at 3.30 a.m. on March 25 in Connaught Road Central."

Defendant pleaded not guilty to that charge.

Mr. Lindell:—You are also charged with driving public motor car No. 313 without an appropriate driver's licence on March 25.

Defendant pleaded guilty to this charge.

Sub-Inspector Alexander, of the Traffic Department, asked his Worship to fix a day next week for the hearing of this case. He indicated that one morning and one afternoon would be sufficient.

The case was remanded until Tuesday next, the hearing to commence at 11.30 a.m.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

NEARLY TWO MILLION OUT OF WORK.

Washington, Mar. 26.

Unemployment in the United States is admitted to be serious, but official circles declare that it is not so extensive or grave as has been reported.

Mr. Davis, the Secretary of Labour, has issued a statement in which he estimated the number of unemployed to be 1,374,000, which he compares with 23,849,000, who are working. He states that the shrinkage in employment since 1925, amounted to 7.4 per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

WON'T MUSSOLINI BE PLEASED?

SECOND ONLY TO AN AIRMAN, LINDBERGH.

Newhaven, Mar. 26.

The Yale University Seniors in a vote on "The biggest man in the world" awarded first place to Colonel Charles Lindbergh, the famous aviator, with Signor Mussolini, 11 duce, running him a close second.

The undergraduates by 143 to 114 passed a resolution to the effect that prohibition was harmful to College life.—*Reuter's American Service.*

HUDDERSFIELD STILL HELD.

ANOTHER DRAW IN F.A. CUP SEMI-FINAL.

London, Mar. 26.

Playing at Goodison Park, Everton, to-day, Huddersfield Town and Sheffield United again failed to reach a decision in the semi-final of the F.A. Cup. Extra time was played but defences prevailed, the final score being:—

Huddersfield 0. Everton 0.

The two Yorkshire teams have now played for 210 minutes without achieving a definite result.—*Reuter.*

SOVIET ATTITUDE TO CHINA.

REFUSES TO BAN ARMS IMPORTATIONS.

ADOPTS SUPERIOR AIR IN NOTE TO JAPAN.

PERSECUTION DENIED.

Allegations that the Soviet has been persecuting Chinese in their territory, is strongly denied by M. Chicherin in a Note to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow. The Soviet has had, he said, to take strong repressive measures against gamblers in currency and opium smokers.

The Soviet Government has also refused to join with other Powers in an agreement banning the importation of arms into China.

Moscow, Mar. 26.

The Soviet Government, replying to the Japanese proposal that the Soviet should join in the decision by the other Powers as regards banning the import of arms into China, says that this is a matter exclusively within the competence of the Government of China.

Soviet Position.

The Soviet Government, says the reply, has always avoided concluding an agreement with any Power at the expense of a third party without the latter's participation.

Hence, the Soviet Government refuses to join in the agreement, more especially as some of the Powers are enjoying special rights in China and can practically import arms into China in an uncontrolled manner and are able to keep troops and a fleet there.

The Soviet reiterates that it has no intention of importing arms into China.

KWANGSI GENERALS TO CONFER.

L'S EMISSARY TO PEI CHUNG-HSI.

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

It is reported that General Chang Ming-shu left Nanking last night on board the Nationalist gunboat Tsao Tung for Chung-yen, accompanied by General Li Chung-yeu.

The object of the visit is a consultation with General Pei Chung-hsi on important military affairs. Pei Chung-hsi like Marshal Li Chai-sum is a Kwangsi man.

The Nanking Government met yesterday, and General Tang Yin-kai reported that preparations for the general offensive against the North were nearing completion.

All forces have been concentrated on the Tsinpu and Peking-Hankow frontier awaiting orders to advance. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is ready to leave for the front at a moment's notice.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

WANTED BACK IN CANTON.

MARSHAL LI ASKED TO RETURN.

Shanghai, Mar. 26.

Chinese cable advices received here declare that Mr. Tai Chi-tao, the acting chief of civil administration in Canton during the absence of Marshal Li Chai-sum, has wired to Nanking requesting Marshal Li to return to Canton at an early date.

Mr. Tai did not give his reason for the request.

SHANGHAI MILL'S LOSSES.

DISSATISFIED SHAREHOLDERS HOLD MEETING.

COMMITTEE ELECTED.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 27.

Dissatisfaction expressed by shareholders of the Oriental Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., in letters to the Press, culminated in an informal meeting on the eve of the annual general meeting of the Company. Mr. W. Blenk president, whilst Mr. H. E. Arnold, of Messrs. Arnold and Co., the General Managers, attended in order to assist the shareholders.

Mr. Blenk emphasised that there was no lack of confidence in the Directors. The object of the meeting was merely to assist the General Managers to reorganise the affairs of the Company.

It was added by Mr. Blenk that there had been steady losses, totalling a million taels, by the Oriental Mill, despite the fact that fair profits were being made by other mills.

The meeting appointed an Investigating Committee, comprising Messrs. Blenk and Arakie, with powers to co-opt independent members, in order to facilitate a solution.

KINKEAD'S FATAL CRASH.

LUNG EXAMINATION TO QUEL RUMOURS.

NO TRACE OF FUMES.

London, Mar. 26.

At the resumption of the inquest on Flight-Lieutenant Kinkead, who was killed at Calshot when on a practice flight prior to an attempt on the world's air speed record, it was certified that as the result of an analysis of the blood of part of the lungs which were sent to Hulton Laboratory, it was not thought possible that Kinkead suffered from the effects of vapour or fumes.

The blood tests were made to ascertain if tetraethyl lead or carbon monoxide were present, following suggestions made in some quarters that the shocking accident was due to the aviator having been overcome by fumes from the special fuel he was using.

The witness said that there was no evidence of carbon monoxide and no lead or lead compound was found in the lung tissues or the blood. It was therefore thought impossible that he could have been overcome by fumes.

The inquest was adjourned until April 20th.—*Reuter.*

The Coroner expressed the hope that by April 20th, evidence would be forthcoming as to whether the wrecked plane showed the cause of the accident.—*British Wireless.*

GERMAN ARTIFICIAL SILK.

BIG COMPANY PAYS BIGGER DIVIDEND.

Elberfeld, Mar. 26.

The Board of the Vereinigte Glanzstoff has decided to propose a dividend of 18 per cent, as compared with 15 per cent. last year, and also that the ordinary share capital be increased by 15,000,000 marks to 75,000,000 marks.

Shareholders will be asked to sanction the acquisition of artificial silk works at Kolsterbach.—*Reuter.*

STORMS IN WHITE SEA.

DESTRUCTION AMONG WHALER FLEET.

Moscow, Mar. 26.

Ten Norwegian whalers were lost in a recent gale in the White Sea, and Soviet life-boats sent to the rescue picked up about 45 members of the crews. The fate of the remainder is unknown.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN ATLANTIC ATTEMPT.

FLIGHT TO IRELAND IN READINESS.

MONOPLANE "BREMEN" TO TRY HAZARDOUS VENTURE.

MESSAGE TO KAISER.

Berlin, Mar. 26.

Captain Koehl, the famous German aviator, left in the Junkers monoplane "Bremen," to-day for Baldonnel, Ireland, preparatory to an attempt to fly the Atlantic. Koehl is accompanied by Baron Von Huehnfeld as passenger and a mechanic named Splinder. The start for America will be made to-morrow.

The flight is a purely private one, the "Bremen" being owned by Baron Von Huehnfeld, who is the press agent for the North German Lloyd. Captain Koehl, is the famous Lufthansa pilot, who has a great reputation as an aerial navigator, and a splendid war record. He was twice shot down without serious injury.

Battle With Elements.

The "Bremen" is the identical machine on which Koehl and Von Huehnfeld abandoned a similar attempt last year. They left Dessau on August 15th, and after crossing Kingstown and heading out to sea, they met terrific gales. It would have been death to defy the heavy storms and they returned.

Captain Koehl describing their 22 hours' battle on that occasion with the elements said that the machine was twice out of control although the engines were working perfectly throughout.

London, Mar. 26.

The German monoplane "Bremen" has arrived at Baldonnel.—*Reuter.*

Start Kept Secret.

New York, Mar. 26.

The *Evening Post* announcing the departure of the "Bremen" for Ireland says that the start was kept a secret, even the aviator's closest friends being ignorant of the exact date of departure.

Baron Von Huehnfeld was afraid that the Government would interfere with the plans owing to the growing



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**ALLEGED WRONGFUL
IMPRISONMENT.**

THE DEBT COLLECTING CASE.

A claim for \$1,000 damages for alleged wrongful imprisonment was heard in the Summary Court, yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wood. The case was one in which Pang Chau, the managing partner of the Chau On Transportation Company, carrying on business at 118, Praya East, Hongkong, sued C. M. Houghton, Suen Kan-shun (alias Suen Sui-fong) and L. E. Haynes, all of the South China Trade Protection Association, 6, Queen's Road Central.

Evidence was given by Houghton to the effect that he arrived at the office at 4.20 p.m. on the day in question, where he saw the plaintiff and others. He denied saying that unless the plaintiff paid he would not be allowed to leave. Defendant added that he left St. Joseph's College on January 31.

Broken Partnership.

Replying to Mr. Arculli, defendant said he was engaged by the South China Trade Protection Association and the business belonged entirely to Haynes. A type of partnership was formed at the beginning of February, but it was broken in the middle of the same month.

The defendant Suen admitted that he went to Mr. L. D. Turner, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, and showed to him papers given to him (Suen) by Haynes. That was after the writ in the present action had been served. Suen told Haynes that since he had got him into the trouble it was up to Haynes to get him out of it. Haynes then gave him another paper.

On the day in question he did not arrive at the office until 4.30. He denied locking the door and also denied that he tried to prevent the plaintiff from leaving. He closed the door at 4.35 p.m. on the instruction of Haynes, who said "I do not want this man to go until he has explained the accounts." Suen continued that in his opinion the closing of the door was in order to keep the plaintiff in the office.

Suen went on to say that he questioned the legality of such a procedure, but Haynes took down a book and read out an extract which was identical with that on the first piece of paper given to him by Haynes. At Haynes' request defendant interpreted to the plaintiff. The plaintiff then went into the adjoining room and Suen asked him what he was going to do about it. Haynes then telephoned to the police station.

Replying to Mr. Arculli, defendant said he did not lock the door until Haynes gave him the key to do so.

Other Evidence.

Mr. Haynes said he was the secretary of the Association. On January 20 he was busy engaged in reading the final proofs of the Observer. He left the office at 5.15 that afternoon and went to the printers with the proofs.

He said he did not know of the letter asking the plaintiff to attend at the office. He had not seen it before it left the office. "The first time I ever saw it was in the police court on February 8." Defendant denied that he had said he expected the plaintiff to pay some money. He further denied that he handed over a door key. No door was locked, but, he added, the door was closed because there was a crowd of Chinese outside who were making a big noise.

About four o'clock, Haynes continued, Suen came into his (Haynes') office in an excited state saying that in the next room one man wished to have another man arrested and asked Haynes to send for a policeman. They then all came into his (Haynes') office and after some talk he suggested that they leave the matter until the following day. They then all

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE S.P.C.A.

[To the Editor, Hongkong
Telegraph.]

Sir,—During the past year enquiries relating to membership lists and policy of the S. P. C. A. have appeared in the local Press and, as assurance that careful consideration has been given by the Hon. Secretary, I trust that some definite statement on these points will be made at the annual meeting on Wednesday evening.

Why cannot the Society furnish, in its annual report, a list of members?

In Hongkong where there are so many animal lovers, surely a number of people can be enrolled as members sufficient to maintain such an organization as the S. P. C. A.—Yours, etc.

INTERESTED.

DISARMAMENT.

THE JAPANESE VIEW.

Tokyo, Mar. 26.

Though the British proposals with regard to battleships have not yet been received officially, the Navy Minister stated that they would require most careful study, if true. Agreement, he thinks, is likely to be difficult as the circumstances of each Power are different. He pointed out that Britain would stand to gain most owing to the possession of the newly-constructed Nelson and Rodney, which, with 16-inch guns, would leave her in a most advantageous position for several years.

The fact that the shipbuilding industry of each Power was unequally developed would also have to be taken into consideration in connexion with the question of increasing the age limit, concluded the Minister.—*Reuter.*

American Views.

Washington, Mar. 26.

No official comment is forthcoming regarding Lord Cushendun's latest naval plan, but it is pointed out that a reduction in the size of capital ships will weaken the strategic value of the American fleet.

It is argued that ship for ship, the British battleships are newer than the American, and if the date of replacement be lengthened, the British will enjoy an increasing advantage, especially as the 35,000 tonners Rodney and Nelson are not to be replaced till 1942, whereas the United States, if Lord Cushendun's plan be accepted, would have precluded the building of such tonnage.

There is little comment in the New York newspapers, but the proposal is hailed as a step in the right direction.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Acid French Comment.

Paris, Mar. 26.

The *Matin* acidly comments on the whole Geneva disarmament proceedings.—*Reuter.*

went back into the adjoining room. Defendant added that he did not try to stop the plaintiff from leaving, and he did not see anyone else try to do so.

Mr. Arculli was proceeding to cross-examine Mr. Haynes about his previous history, when his Lordship interposed.

Mr. Arculli said he wished to attack the credibility of the defendant, but his Lordship replied he did not think it would serve any useful purpose.

His Lordship said he believed the story of the plaintiff except for the point with regard to the presence of Houghton before 4.20 p.m. He adjourned the case until Friday next in order to consider how damages should be assessed.

THE LIGHTER SIDE.

**U. S. SAILORS PROVIDE
SMILES IN COURT.**

A lively description of how a pickpocket was caught was provided by Patrick N. McGuinness, a painter in the U. S. S. Black Hawk, who gave evidence yesterday at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell when a Chinese was charged with stealing \$20 from McGuinness.

The sailor put his hearers in good humour. From the moment McGuinness mounted the witness box until his evidence was finished, faces in the Court were wreathed in smiles.

When the Magistrate administered the oath, His Worship told McGuinness to repeat the words. He began thus: "I swear by Almighty God."

McGuinness: Almighty God.

His Worship: That the evidence I shall give in this case.

McGuinness: In this case.

His Worship: Shall be the truth.

McGuinness: The truth.

His Worship paused here and told witness to repeat all the words after him, after which they tried again with better result.

Asked to relate what happened, McGuinness said in one breath: "I had \$60 on me which I changed at Nagasaki Joe's, some of which I put in my breast pocket and some down my sock. This guy (meaning defendant) sees me and he grabs it and

His Worship: Why not go slowly?

The Street.

Witness slowed down and said that at 1.30 p.m. on Sunday he was in the Eastern part of the town. He didn't know the name of the street, but he could describe it to his Worship.

The Magistrate indicated that he could leave out that detail.

Proceeding, witness said he changed the money at Nagasaki Joe's and put \$20 in his breast pocket, and said that the defendant "grabbed it" and bolted. The defendant, however, was seized before he could run away, by a friend of the witness.

Asked what happened to the money, witness said: He threw the money to a ricksha cooler. We caught this man and grabbed him by the scruff of the neck and took him to the police station.

His Worship enquired what happened to the other man.

Witness: We grabbed this one, but we could not get the other guy. He was too fast for us, Judge. He was a better runner than we were.

His Worship: Had you been having any drinks?

Witness: Well, Sir, I had one drink and I broke the \$60 and put some down here (indicating his sock).

His Worship: I want to be quite sure this is the right man.

Witness (excitedly): Yes Sir, this is the right man. I brought him to the station myself.

His Worship: I am sure you did that.

That was all McGuinness said from the box.

The defendant at this stage was asked if he wanted to question the witness. He replied that he had no questions to ask because he only snatched \$1. He added that it was a small note.

Another man from the Black Hawk, a water tender named F. J. Antonius, went into the box and describing the incident said:

"I was shooting some fireworks off in the street. I seen him (complainant) break the money and give a kid some cumshaw. I seen this guy (defendant) reach over and grab two notes. I was not far away—close enough to grab him. He was standing right alongside me. When I grabbed him, why, he gave the money to someone else in a ricksha and the other guy made off."

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed by the Magistrate. The defendant's record showed that he had had two months for a similar offence in 1926.

**LEE HYSAN LIBEL
CASE.**

PLAINTIFF GIVES EVIDENCE.

The case was continued yesterday afternoon, in the Supreme Court, before Sir Henry Gollan, in which Mr. Lee Hysan was sued by Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, of Macao, for damages for libel and injunction to restrain Mr. Lee Hysan from further publication of the words complained of.

The alleged libel was contained in an exhibit attached to a petition to H.E. the Governor of Macao, and suggested, among other things, \$120,000 had been paid by the Yau Seng Company to enable them to acquire the Macao Opium Monopoly.

Mr. P. J. Lobo, in reply to Mr. Potter, said that in the official bulletin of Macao an announcement was made that the Government would take over the opium monopoly. He had heard of the Yau Seng Company for the first time when the petition was read to him by His Excellency the Governor of Macao. If a person received such a letter, witness continued, and had no reason to disbelieve it, he would naturally investigate it. He took it as being a libel against himself because it was mentioned in the letter that he, Mr. Lobo, had received \$50,000 to pay to others in order to put the deal through. That gave the impression that he was using his influence in an improper manner.

Mr. Potter asked whether he (Mr. Lobo) would consider it to be libel if it had been mentioned that the \$50,000 was paid to him in order to be put into the treasury.

Mr. Lobo replied that he would not call it libel if the company was a bona fide company.

Barriester's Evidence.

Mr. L. G. N. da Silva said he was a barrister-at-law and had been practising in Macao for the last 25 years. In September last year he received a copy of the petition. He had acted for the Opium Company for many years, but had never performed any personal services for Mr. Lee Hysan. The opium company used to pay him (witness) \$1,200 per year and he had always received that money through a middleman.

Answering Mr. Sheldon, witness said in Portuguese law it was unlawful to accuse anyone of bribery or conniving at bribery.

Witness wrote a letter to Mr. Lee Hysan and explained that he could not act for him further as he was professionally acting against him.

Witness, in reply to further questions, stated that he knew certain other lawyers had been paid a retaining fee of \$1,200 by the Opium Company for legal assistance.

Mr. Plinio Tinoco, the Colonial Treasurer, said that he was sent for by the Governor of Macao, who showed him a copy of the petition received from Mr. Lee Hysan. Witness understood from a letter that a reference with regard to \$50,000 referred to himself, that the money was paid to him so as to influence him towards getting the monopoly for the company that was mentioned.

Witness sent for Mr. Lobo because it was stated that he had received \$50,000 as a bribe for witness. Witness wrote to Mr. Lee Hysan asking if he referred to him (witness) and received a reply in the negative, the reply stating that the words referred to the Government department, and to no particular person.

Witness wrote to the Governor of Macao asking for an investigation, but the matter was considered in private. The defendant, continued witness, had nothing to do with the Government.

The case was adjourned until this morning.

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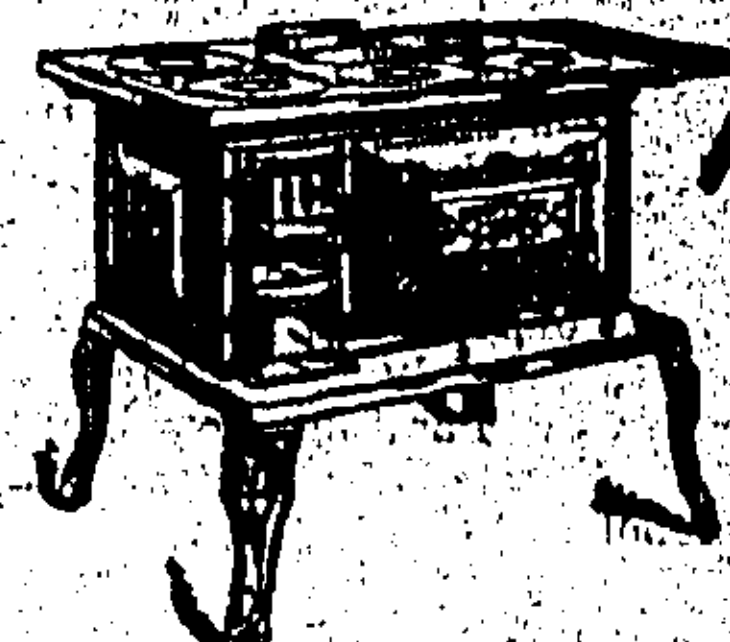
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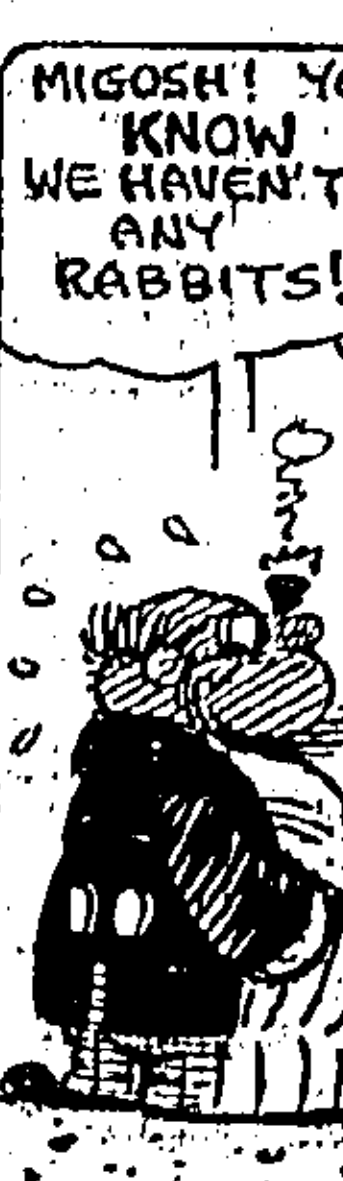
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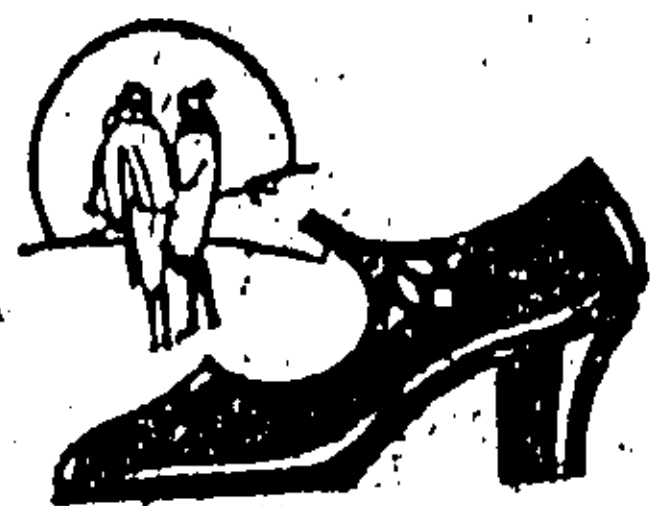
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TO-DAY'S FILMS.

REGINALD DENNY'S LATEST COMEDY.

Lovers of comedy and boxing fans will enjoy seeing Reginald Denny, the popular comedian, in his latest picture, "On Your Toes," which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Denny enacts the role of a timid dancing teacher who is persuaded to become a prize fighter. The stratagems to which he has recourse to keep his new occupation from his dear old grandmother are as diverting as the methods employed by his manager and his sweetheart to make him so "mad" that he will overcome his good nature and annihilate his opponent for the world championship. Playing opposite Denny, is Barbara Worth, who is delightfully refreshing as the girl who makes him change his career from a dancing master to a boxer. Others in the supporting cast include Hayden Stevenson, Frank Hagney, Mary Carr, Gertrude Howard and George West.

"Dancing Mothers."

Herbert Brennon, the director of "Peter Pan" and "A Kiss for Cinderella" returns to modern society drama in "Dancing Mothers," the picture showing at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow. "Dancing Mothers" is a convincing portrayal of a certain set of people. Alice Joyce plays the part of the neglected mother who stays at home waiting for a madcap daughter and a wandering husband, then after a while deciding to play a part herself in the whirlpool that threatens to engulf them all. The climax comes unexpectedly and has a twist that, while perfectly logical, is something out of the ordinary in motion picture stories of this type. Conway Tearle is the leading man and Clara Bow contributes in no small measure to the success of the picture.

"Drusilla With a Million."

A picture which has been described as having the unusually strong human appeal is "Drusilla with a Million," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. Mary Carr is Drusilla, a pathetic old soul, consigned to a charity home to spend her last days there in toil and drudgery. Through an odd turn of fate, however, a distant relative dies and leaves her a million dollars and a beautiful country home. The story thereafter develops in dramatic and logical fashion, culminating in a big emotional climax. Mary Carr's work far transcends anything she has done before and Priscilla Bonner, hitherto little known, has a part which would delight Lillian Gish.

THE AMERICAN DAM DISASTER.

DYNAMITE RUMOUR BEING INVESTIGATED.

Los Angeles, Mar. 20. The Evening Express said today that the city authorities are investigating the recent St. Francis dam disaster on the theory that the structure was dynamited. The newspaper declared that evidence that the dam was wrecked by explosives is in the possession of District Attorney Keyes and that the evidence would be given the coroner's jury when the inquest here is held.

As a result of the new disclosure, an armed patrol is guarding the Los Angeles aqueduct in Owens Valley, which previously has been dynamited several times.

The St. Francis dam, located in the San Francisco canyon, collapsed last week. Approximately 300 persons are known to have been killed, while about that many more are still missing.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LAYD READERS.

Those Husbands.

[By Lady Kitty Vincent.]

How I wish that husbands would confine their admiring and far-seeing brains to the "Cay," or wherever it may be that they earn the daily pennies. No doubt in their offices they reign supreme, and, of course, they know the exact moment at which to sell wheat or buy diamonds.

Well, we wives don't pretend to be so clever, but we do know something about running a house or planting a garden or looking after the dogs and the chickens. But the merry little husbands come hurrying home from the City on Friday nights ready and anxious to help the poor wives whom they feel have been longing for masculine support all the long week.

Instructing the Housemaid.

"Mary," says John to the housemaid, "that isn't the best way to lay a fire. Bring me a bundle of sticks and I'll show you in a jiffy."

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A bear when huckleberries grow.

I hope that you're as happy as a lion in his lair.

Or a walrus booming on the floe.

I hope that you're as happy as a bombinating bee.

Or an airplane zooming from the fog.

I hope that you're as happy as a salmon in the sea.

Or a hardshell turtle on a log.

I hope that you're as happy as a Coney Island clam.

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Then I hope that you will always be as happy as I am.

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Savoury Suggestions.

Herring roes and mushrooms form a curious but delicious combination. For four persons you will require, say, six circles of buttered toast, cut out with a cutter. Season with red pepper, and spread on each half the soft roe of a fresh herring which has been lightly fried in butter. On the top place a flat fried mushroom nearly as large as the toast. Heat up for a few seconds in a fierce oven, and send to the table without delay.

Herring Roes and Bacon.

Take some thin slices of bacon and pepper them, and fry small rounds of bread, then sprinkle some herring roes with a little pepper and salt and roll each one neatly in the slice of bacon, and fry in a little bacon fat till done through. Place one roll on each round of bread and serve hot.

Fry some small round croutets, drain them, and when cold put a stoned olive in the centre and a boned anchovy round the olive, then take a hard-boiled egg, chop the white and yolk separate, and put



How peasant France of the 18th and 19th centuries inspires new styles: A black Sunday dress from La Bourgogne (left) with its straw fluted collar, lace apron front and silver embroidered tight, short sleeves and long flaring skirt ideas for styles. At the right are tiered cuffs in royal yellow, red, blue and green, and the yoke, revers and pockets inspired by its designer to create a charmingly similar mode for summer.

Mary brings the sticks, thus dirtying her apron, but, being a woman, she makes no complaint to John. "My dear, don't be so irritable," she says to his exasperated wife when she finds him half an hour later, "I was only trying to help you. Don't you wish me to take an interest in our home?"

A Happy Half-hour with the Bulbs.

After much thought and consultation with the gardeners the hard-working wife has planned where all the bulbs should go so as to have a gorgeous show of contrasting and blending colours.

"All right, Simmons," says the husband brightly, "you can get on with some other work. I'll plant the bulbs, take 'em right off your hands." Obsequiously Simmons goes off to some other job and the husband has a happy

half-hour with the bulbs, planting them as seemeth good to him. "My dear, don't be so irritable," he says to his exasperated wife when she finds him half an hour later, "I was only trying to help you. Don't you wish me to take an interest in our home?"

All husbands should be made to play golf or tennis, even spill-kings if they are capable of nothing else, so that they may be kept out of mischief. If they must garden, provide them with a little patch, just as we used to have when we were children, in which they can amuse themselves without doing any harm. If you can manage to keep them busy till Monday morning, see them once again provided with their legitimate occupations, you can have a sigh of relief and go about your work in peace.

half white and half yolk round the outside of the anchovy.

Dressed Lobster.

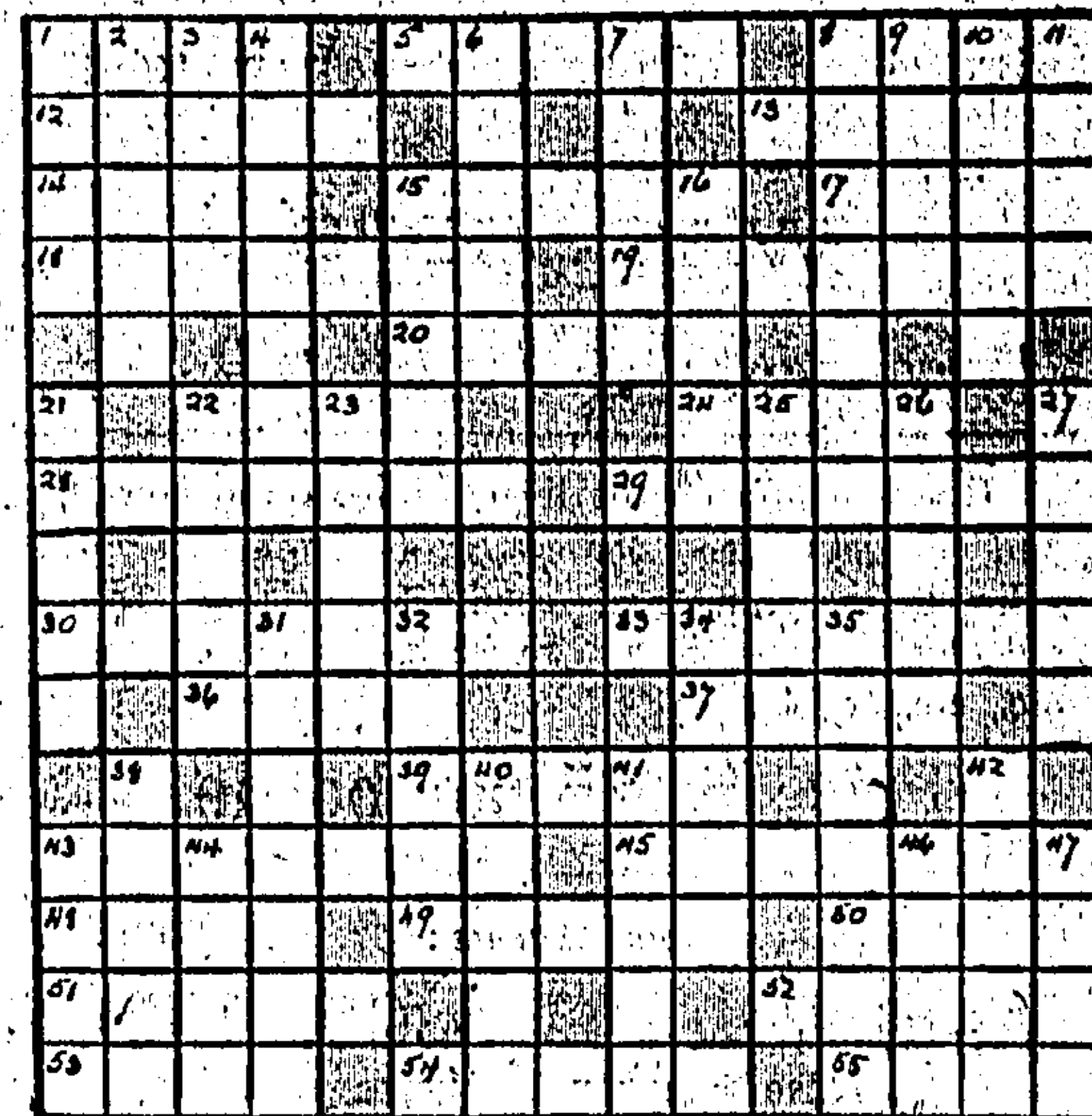
Beat two tablespoonfuls of the butter to a cream and add the seasonings. Cut the lobster into neat pieces and saute in the chafin dish, and, when nearly done, add the creamed mixture. Heat thoroughly and serve on toast.

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- 13 Haughty.
- 14 Common heather.
- 15 Manage.
- 17 Render turbid.
- 18 Having super-natural qualities.
- 19 One of Urodela.
- 20 Leaf bud.
- 22 Anxiety.
- 24 Repeat.
- 28 An Asiatic disease.
- 29 Small kangaroo.
- 30 Archbishop.
- 32 Multiplied by three.
- 36 Stem of a plant.
- 37 Figure of an escutcheon.
- 39 Yawning opening.
- 43 Consisting of small pieces.
- 46 Infected.
- 48 Inform.
- 49 Long for.
- 50 Valley.
- 51 Ant.
- 52 Egyptian plant.
- 53 Confusion.
- 54 Contented in mind.
- 55 To blind.

Down.

- 1 Anthracite shale.
- 2 Pertaining to Asia.
- 3 Organ of respiration.
- 4 Consisting of pages.
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THE S-4 DISASTER. RESULT OF NAVAL INVESTIGATIONS.

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Submarine officers believe that the fatal crash with the coast-guard destroyer Paulding disabled the submarine's machinery, leaving it helpless.

The naval board of investigation found evidence that 84 men imprisoned in the tiller and motor compartments when the ship sank, lived for a considerable time and that they used hammers and wrenches to pound signals which, however, were not heard by divers. The imprisoned seamen ate raw potatoes and onions, opened cans of sardines and used an oxygen bottle in their efforts to keep alive.

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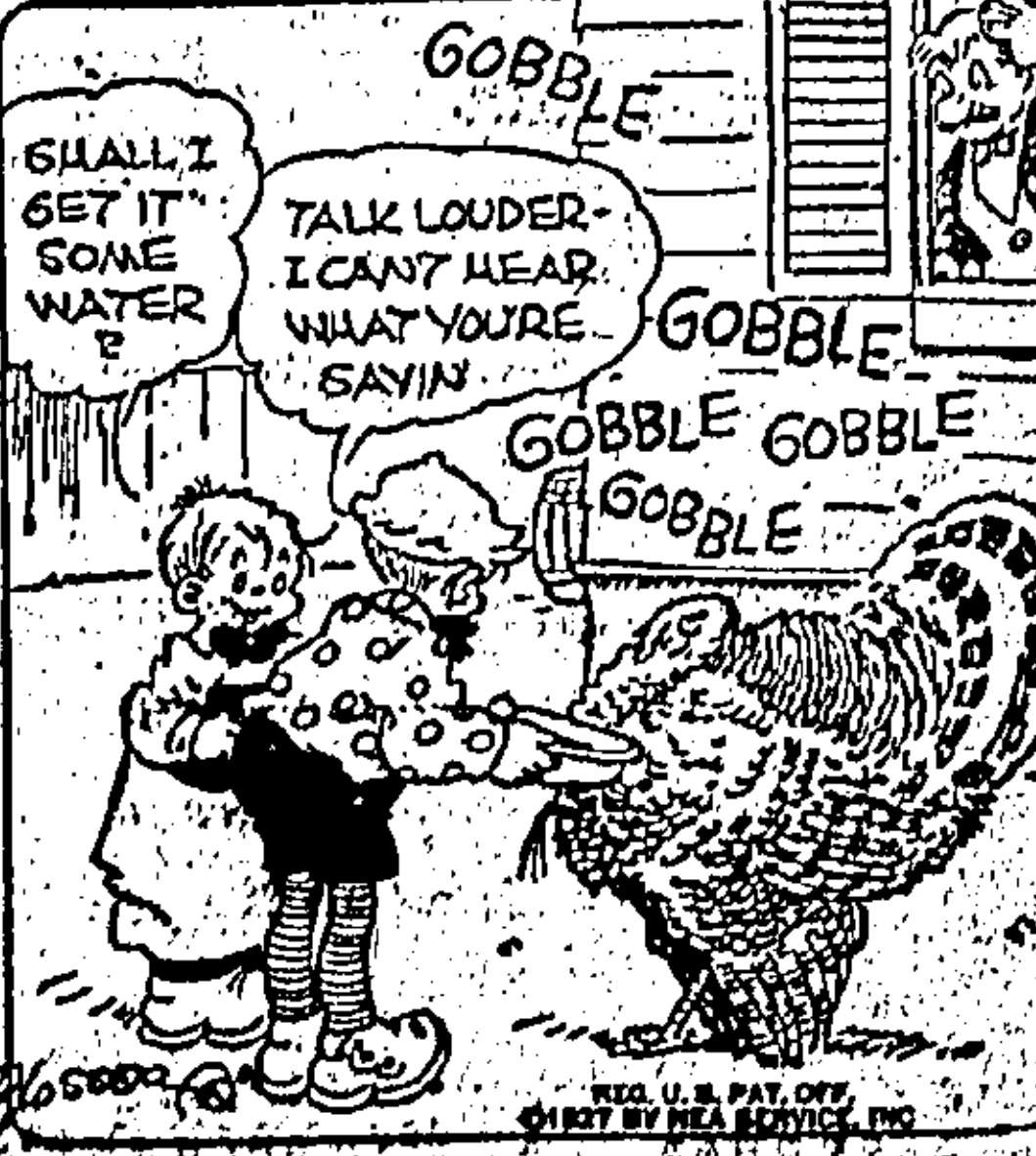
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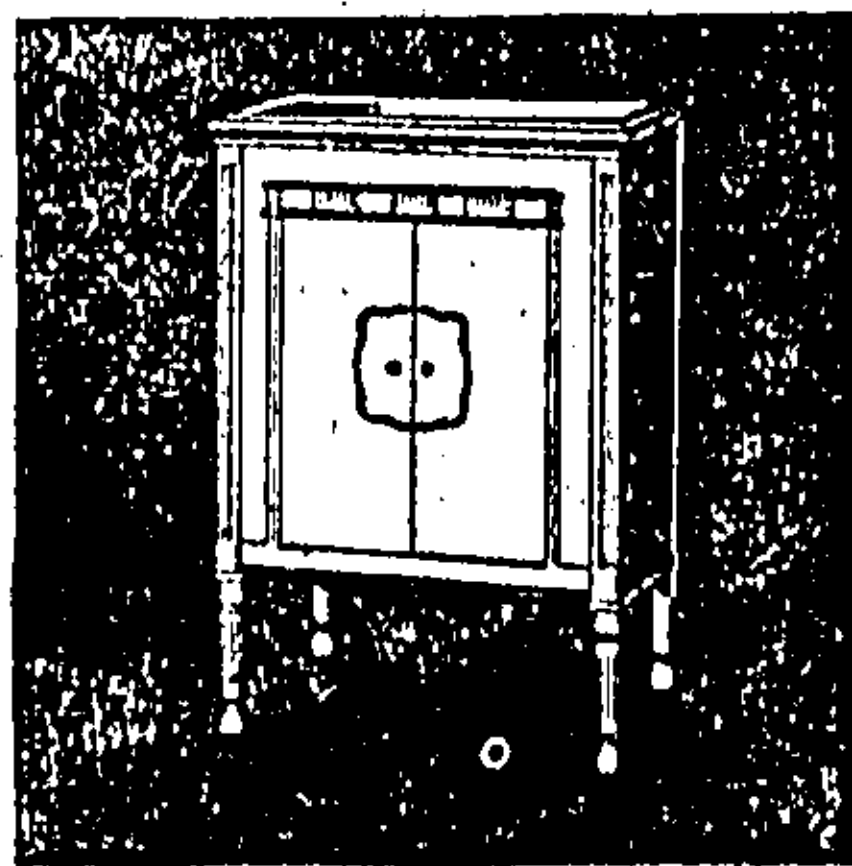
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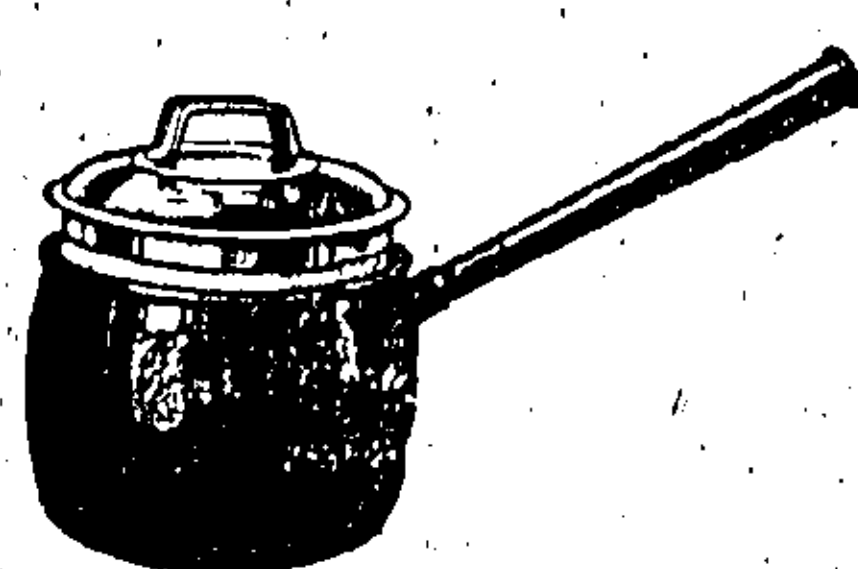


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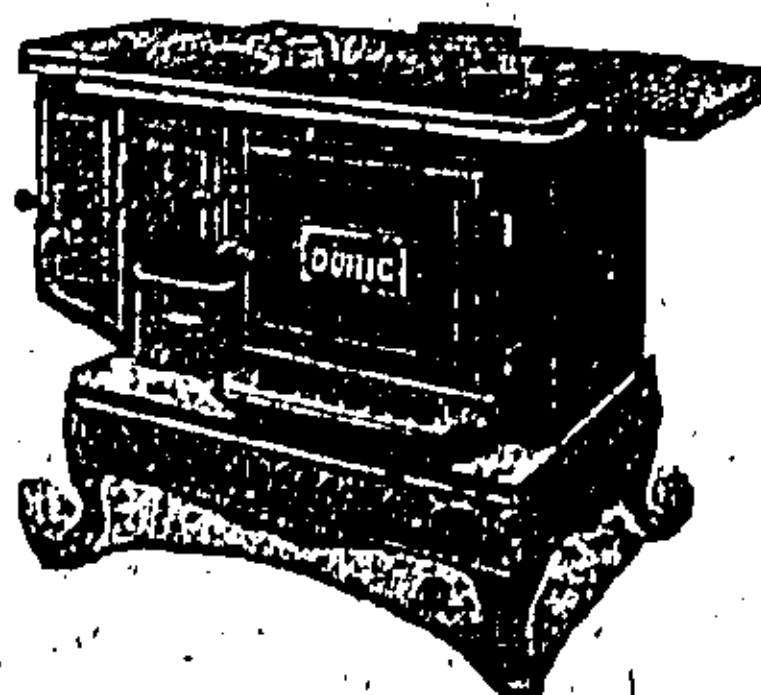
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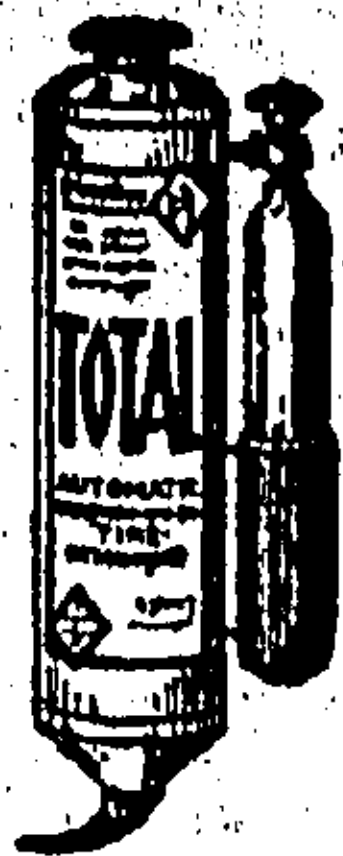
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BRITAIN'S PART.

Although there would appear to be some grounds for regret that the Disarmament Commission has not, at its latest session in Geneva, achieved anything definite, the point cannot be lost sight of that Britain has done her best to secure some tangible result. When we bear in mind the tremendous obligations which rest upon her in the defence of her widespread overseas possessions, Britain might be forgiven if she took no leading role in the naval disarmament question. Yet, not only has she, of her own initiative, without pressure of any kind, herself undertaken a big naval reduction scheme, but she has once again come before the League of Nations with concrete proposals for even further limitations. These are hard facts which can be quoted as proof of sincerity. They contrast sharply with the policy of nations like Russia which talk much but do nothing towards naval or military disarmament. Lord Cushendun again did good service for his country when he forcefully drew attention, at the closing session of the Commission, to the sacrifices which we have already made. As he said, it would, from the tactical standpoint, have been better if we had done nothing at all, but had waited until the whole international situation had been explored and then announced a willingness to scrap over a thousand ships of a total tonnage of two millions. That would certainly have been most impressive. Yet in actual fact Britain has done more than that, of her own accord, since the Great War, for, as Mr. Bridgman recently pointed out, we have since that time scrapped 1,500 ships of well over the tonnage mentioned by Lord Cushendun. And we are even now prepared to make further sacrifices, as the details of the latest proposals so clearly show. It is true, of course, that this cutting down of programmes would be in the nature of economy, and would represent a relief to the taxpayer, but that can be said of any disarmament scheme, whatever its source of origin.

Not only in regard to his emphasis of British achievements in the direction of disarmament has Lord Cushendun done a little useful propaganda for Britain; he has again shown the hollowness of the Soviet attitude by stressing the point that Russian world-policy is the fomenting of civil war. Moscow, as we all know, stands for world-revolution, and, that being the case, Russia appears discredited when she comes forward with her fine-looking schemes of wholesale disarmament. Lord Cushendun came down to concrete facts when he reminded the members of the Commission that enormous sums had been spent in supplying arms to the Chinese Nationalists. He might have gone further by adding that much larger amounts had been expended on propaganda directly aimed at constituted authority not only in China, but in other countries as well. Until the Soviet, therefore, is prepared to give an undertaking not to indulge in this interference with the affairs of other nations, the Russians can hardly expect to be taken seriously when they put forward grandiose schemes of the kind which M. Litvinoff introduced at Geneva. Britain has also had to spend much money in China during the past two years, but not in encouraging civil war in the country. What she has done has been in defence of British lives and property, and we go so far as to say that but for the Russian-inspired anti-foreignism, it would never have been necessary to send the Defence Force to the East. Our interests are, however, world-wide, and it is precisely because we have to defend those interests, and the lives of our subjects, when they are threatened by the acts of extremists receiving help and encouragement from Moscow, that we have to guard against any undue cutting down of our power. Whether the Geneva discussions have any practical outcome or not, Britain can at least feel content that she has done her part.

China Developments.

Britain will not be robbed of hope or energy in her efforts to establish goodwill and mutual understanding in China, but though we hesitate to form a too-hasty judgment of the recent developments, a series of disturbing incidents have occurred which must be regarded as somewhat disheartening. Anti-Japanese feeling in Amoy and Shanghai, firing on a Jardine steamer above Ichang, the occupation of foreign residences in Chinkiang, and the breakdown of negotiations between Sir Miles Lampson and the Nanking authorities, when at one time there appeared bright prospects of a settlement of the Nanking incidents, are a combination of events occurring within the space of three days which seem regrettably to counter-balance to some extent the promises of the previous six weeks. The most important consideration is the failure of the Nanking negotiation. Reuter believes that the discussions ended through Chinese insistence on two points, firstly, an apology for shelling Socony Hill, and, secondly, the revision of unequal treaties. How the Nanking authorities can logically press for the latter in connexion with the Nanking affair is beyond any but Chinese understanding. In itself, the outrage was the most convincing example of the necessity for such treaties, and furthermore, the parrot-like references to unequal treaties on every occasion when the settlement of an outstanding question is involved, will only tend to impress upon the foreign consciousness the difficulty of meeting our Chinese friends on level ground. It is stated that the discussions are proceeding through Sir Sidney Barton and Mr. Hewlett, but Sir Miles Lampson's cancellation of his visit to Nanking may be taken as indicating his despair of success. There appeared to be a genuine desire for peace, and the results may be regarded as distinctly disappointing. The quick rush in of hope was the result of Chinese gestures, and the slow sliding down must also be laid at China's door. The debacle has not come, and we trust it will not. Meanwhile we must try to view the future with philosophic calm.

Occupation of the Ruhr.

That the French Government does not contemplate the evacuation of the Rhineland in the immediate future, was made very clear by M. Poincaré in his speech to the Bordeaux Chamber of

DAY BY DAY.

EVERYTHING HAS ITS PRICE, AND THE PRICE BOYS THAT AND NOT SOMETHING ELSE; AND THOSE WHO MARRY FOR LOVE WILL PROBABLY HAVE MUCH TO SACRIFICE IN THE WAY OF AMBITION.—*Lady Ann Campbell.*

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 24th March at 1 p.m.

The Empress of Russia, which left Hongkong on the 7th March, arrived at Vancouver on the 26th March.

The s.s. Sourabaya Maru arriving from Tawao states in her Harbour Office Report that "One Chinese third class passenger, named Chin Chin and aged 40, jumped into the sea and killed himself on March 21 at midnight."

An unemployed Chinese was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, for stealing three pieces of wood from Whitfield Barracks. Q. M. S. Smith, R.E., prosecuted.

With regard to the report of Sunday's yachting, appearing on another page, it should be explained that the cups were the "Norseman" and "Snipe" trophies, the former being won by "Feathers" and the latter by "Dorothy II."

According to telegrams in vernacular newspapers, the Japanese boycott in Amoy seems to have taken a more serious aspect and it is stated that the people in Chuen Chow, a district near Amoy, have also called anti-Japanese meetings.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., Ip Sui, steersman of a trading junk of Tung Kun, was charged with navigating the harbour without lights and pleading guilty, was fined \$15 with the usual alternative.

Because he had some work to do on board, a seaman of the Empress of Asia entrusted a fellow-seaman with \$100 at 3.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon. At 4 p.m. when he looked for his friend, to get his money back, the latter had disappeared. A report has been made to the police by the victim.

A Chinese boy was drowned whilst bathing in a pond near the South Ginger Preserving factory at Shamshui on Sunday morning. He was in company with others and was suddenly missed. The pond was dragged and the unfortunate lad's body was recovered and removed to the Kowloon Mortuary.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 28 arrivals and 12 departures, of which 11 and 6 respectively were British. Tonnage was extremely high, with over 75,000 tons entered. British freights were only fair, the total under both headings being approximately 17,500, with the bulk of this registered through. At 9 a.m. there were 70 vessels in harbour of which 23 were British.

Remarkable that it was particularly mean to steal from an inmate of a brothel, Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, sentenced a young Chinese to six months' hard labour and ten strokes of the birch, on a charge of stealing a ring from a female resident of Temple Street during the early hours of yesterday morning. It was stated that larcenies of this nature were becoming very common.

Commerce. Only a brief summary was cabled to Hongkong, but it is safe to assume that French opinion strongly favours retention of the full rights of the Allies under the Treaty of Versailles, and determination to hang on until pressure becomes too great. M. Poincaré declared that the occupation of the Ruhr had assured the Allies of the indemnity payments, and that the Dawes scheme would have proved barren but for the occupation. We are not prepared to agree entirely with that point of view. Germany has given countless indications of her desire to meet her obligations, and we believe that she would do so in much better spirit if her territory were left unfettered. Nothing stirs German nationalism more than foreign occupation; it is very keenly resented. At one time, probably, it was more than justified, but now, when the universal desire for peace and goodwill is openly expressed, a more far-reaching expression of French policy could not be conceived. Britain, we know, is prepared to leave at any time, but she cannot make a move without the support of France.

NANKING OUTRAGE VICTIM.

DEATH OF MR. BERTRAM GILES.

LONG CAREER IN EAST.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Bertram Giles, C.M.G., former British Consul General at Nanking, news of which came to hand by cable from Reuter's Agency this morning.

The late Mr. Giles, it will be recalled, was British Consul General at Nanking during the outrages last year, and was himself wounded, while his wife was, with other ladies, subjected to much indignity. Curiously enough, Mr. Giles' death occurred almost to a day on the first anniversary of the Nanking outrages, which took place on March 24th last year.

Nanking was evacuated by the Northern troops on March 23rd and occupied by Southern forces under General Cheng Chien on the following day. Several foreigners were killed in the outrages which then occurred, whilst a number of others, including Mr. Giles, were wounded.

Troops belonging to the 4th Division of the 6th Army surrounded the British Consulate early in the morning and Mr. Giles was deliberately attacked in the Consulate grounds by one of the two sentries posted by the looters. At first, one of these men levelled his rifle at Mr. Giles, but Captain Spear (British Intelligence Officer), who was with him, rushed forward and knocked up the rifle. At the same time, another sentry fired and shot Mr. Giles above the left knee. Captain Spear was also twice wounded. Both Mr. Giles and Captain Spear then took refuge in the Consulate strong room, together with Mrs. Giles and another lady.

The party were, however, soon discovered by the invading troops, who looted the Consulate and robbed Mr. Giles and party of all they possessed. Three soldiers seized Mrs. Giles, tore rings off her fingers, snatched a brooch from her dress, a chain from her neck and a watch and bracelet from her wrist. Mr. Giles was robbed of everything he had in his pockets; the soldiers even took away his boots. Eventually, the party was forced to leave the Consulate and they took refuge at the gate-house, where they were rescued after further painful experiences.

The late Mr. Giles was the son of the noted professor of Chinese at Cambridge University, Professor H. A. Giles. Born at Hankow on September 24th, 1874, he was educated at Liege, Feldkirch and Aberdeen, but returned to China as a Student Interpreter in 1894.

In the Diplomatic Service he spent his entire life in China, and while Assistant in the Mixed Court at Shanghai between 1902 and 1904, he married Miss Violet Jessie Gilmore, daughter of a well-known Shanghai resident.

Soon afterwards he was appointed Vice-Consul at Canton, later going to Foochow, Changsha and Tientsin. He acted as Consul in Nanking for seven years from 1914, when he was appointed Consul-General at Tientsin. Mr. Giles was the Senior British Delegate on the Joint Commission for the Rendition of Wei-hai-wei after which he was confirmed in the appointment of Consul-General at Nanking.

The late Mr. Giles retired a few months ago.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 26.
Paris	124
New York	4.88 1/2
Brussels	36
Geneva	25 1/2
Amsterdam	12.12
Milan	92.40
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.21
Oslo	18.28 1/2
Vienna	34.69
Prague	184 1/2
Helsingfors	183 1/2
Madrid	29.08 1/2
Lisbon	24
Athens	36 1/2
Bucharest	78 1/2
Rio	5.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.22/32
Bombay	1/5.81/32
Shanghai	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	25
Silver (forward)	20 1/2

—British Wireless.

The new Wesleyan Church at No. 15 Ventris Road has now been completed and the Rev. and Mrs. Anstey have been in occupation of their new home for some time, says the Wesleyan Methodist Church Quarterly. The building was designed by Mr. A. J. May, who is also the architect for the new Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home and he is to be congratulated on having designed and supervised the erection of such a delightful piece of architecture.

The Very Idea!

An Irish Archbishop had been staying at an East Coast seaside resort. When leaving he wrote in the visitors' book—"I came here for a change and a rest. The waiter has the change and the landlord the rest!"

Last week I was affable, fit and jocular.
A few days have altered all that;
I'm morbid, disconsolate, dull and morose
And my head seems too big for my hat.
My brain doesn't work and my nerves are awry,
I'm wretched, asleep or awake,
I believe there's a wild sort of look in my eye
And in every spot I've an ache.
Though normally healthy, I feel that I'm through,
I know I look haggard and old,
And it's all through that meddlesome dozen or two
Who prescribed a quick cure for my cold.

The realistic school of advertising has added further peril to the Paris streets. Recently two cockerels, escaping from a poultryer's basket, were devoured by lions in the Rue Vauvillier. The sight of two such noble beasts caged to serve the vulgar purpose of film advertisement was apparently too much for the susceptibilities of the cockerels, and determined to anticipate if they could not improve the lot which awaited them at the hands of their purchaser, they generously flew right into the lions' mouths. The surprised and indignant poultryer has complained of his loss to the police, and an inquiry into the matter is being held.

A man accused at Tottenham of being drunk in charge of a donkey and barrow was found lying in the barrow drunk and laughing.

Wife at Mansfield: I am not a gay woman, or I should not come to a place like this.

Willenden magistrate: What do you want? Applicant: Nothing much, sir, only a little advice from you.

Magistrate at Willenden: Have you any home? Man: No, I am building L.C.C. houses, and I live in a common lodging house.

Solicitor at Shoreditch County Court: Do you really say that your husband does not owe this money? Woman: Would I say that he did?

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch: "A husband is a wise man if he lets his wife select his home for him. She is content, and then he is a wise man if he is content also."

Small Boy—"Dad, how do they catch lunatics?"

Father—"With face powder, beautiful dresses, and pretty smiles, my son."

"Howlers" are not limited to schoolboys (says a contemporary). Correspondents who write to the Savings Bank Department of the Post Office can also do their bit in that way.

Wrote one who gave his occupation as "gentleman":—"The lady who witnessed my signature is not my wife, and is, therefore, a credible witness."

Another who had been enjoined to make a thorough search for the deposit-book replied:—"I have searched for the missing book in every room in the house, and in each case the searched proved fatal."

Dame Clara Butt had an exciting experience when on the river journey from Mandalay to Rangoon, says a London dispatch from the latter place. The steamer was held up for a day owing to an oil tanker being stranded on a sandbank. Dame Clara Butt was due to sing in Rangoon, and had to be transferred in the middle of the night to a ferry steamer, on which she travelled from Rangoon, reaching Rangoon just in time to fulfill her engagement.

During the severe frost a man got a job to clear the footpath in front of a gentleman's house. During the interview he slipped down several times, and it was with great difficulty that he could retain a foothold at all.

"Now, as to terms," said the gentleman. "Is it to be piece work or day work?"

"From what I can see of it it will be neither," replied the man, as he scrambled up once more. "It will be on a sliding scale!"

If we understood youth, age would not be old.—Lord Riddell.

Some people are constitutionally unable to answer questions.—Judge Snagge.

Little by little things are growing brighter.—Sir A. Steel Maitland, Labour Minister.

There is a spirit of loyalty to ideals and political principles among women.—Sir W. Joynton Hicks.

It is extraordinarily difficult to find the man for the job when the job is there waiting for the man.—Sir John Keith.

...and the other side of the road.

NEW RECORDS

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OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

GREAT MEDICAL
DISCOVERIES IN 70 YEARS.

PASTEUR AND GERMS.

Sir Arthur Newsholme, former principal medical officer of the local government board of England, was asked to list briefly the outstanding discoveries in preventive medicine during the last 70 years. His list included the following:

The discovery by Pasteur of the germs that cause disease.
The discovery by Lister of antiseptic methods against germs.

The Germs Farmer.

Next came the work of Robert Koch, who devised methods of growing germs and who discovered the cholera organism and the germ of tuberculosis.

Following Koch's announcement of methods, other investigators discovered many germs, notably Loeffler, who discovered the organism of glanders in 1882; Nicolaier, the germ of tetanus in 1884; Weichselbaum, the germ of meningitis in 1887; Kitasato and Yersin, the germ of the plague in 1894, and Schaudinn, the germ of syphilis in 1905.

Diphtheria Antitoxin.

Von Behring and Roux developed successfully the method of injecting antitoxin to combat the poison of the diphtheria germ, and Theobald Smith blazed a new path when he showed that the tick was responsible for spreading Texas fever.

As a result of his investigations, Manson showed that malaria was carried by the mosquito. Ronald Ross showed that malaria was carried by the same insect, and Walter Reed and Henry R. Carter showed that yellow fever was spread by the mosquito.

Plugg, Haldane and Leonard Hill demonstrated the importance of movement of air and of the avoidance of excessive humidity in the ventilation of rooms.

Discovery of Salvarsan.

Ehrlich discovered salvarsan as a specific drug against the germ that causes syphilis.

These discoveries, which are definitely associated with the names of certain men, are listed by Sir Arthur Newsholme as outstanding accomplishments. He adds also recent work on the use of ultraviolet light in the prevention and treatment of rickets and the discovery of the relationship of the vitamins to definite diseases as among the most significant of modern accomplishments.

FUNCTIONS OF A JURY.

THEIR POWERS REGARDING
QUESTIONS OF LIBEL.

A statement with regard to the functions of a jury was made by Lord Justice Scrutton, who sat with Lord Justice Sankey and Mr. Justice Russell in the Court of Appeal recently. By a majority the appeal by a chauffeur in a slander action against his former mistress was dismissed. The appeal had been argued by Mr. Ernest Charles, K.C., now Mr. Justice Charles.

Mr. Alfred Broome, a chauffeur, of Chesham-place, appeared against a judgment of the Lord Chief Justice, who, on the findings of a jury, dismissed his action against Mrs. Mary Agar, a widow, of Balfour-place, W. The words complained of were spoken to an official of a motor company, and accused Mr. Broome of "joy riding" with a lady in his mistress's car. The jury had held that the words complained of were not defamatory.

Lord Justice Scrutton said that personally he might have given a different verdict from that of the jury, but that was not the question. If the jury had, as they had a constitutional right to do, declined to answer questions and given a general verdict for the defendant, the Court could not possibly have interfered. The question of libel or no libel was pre-eminently a question for the jury. Whichever way they found, the Court would rarely interfere.

"I hesitate to say the Court will never interfere, but I cannot think the present case is one where they will." The appeal must be dismissed.

Lord Justice Sankey concurred. Judge Dissents.

Mr. Justice Russell dissented. In his view the words complained of were necessarily defamatory, or they were used seriously, in their natural sense, and they accused the plaintiff of being unfaithful to his employer in one of the first duties of a chauffeur.

"I differ with regret from the other members of the Court," concluded Mr. Justice Russell, "more particularly because in the present conflict between common law and equity, equity does not prevail." (Laughter).

TENNIS LEAGUE.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the local Lawn Tennis Association was held at the Cricket Club last evening, with a fair attendance of club representatives.

The balance sheet and accounts were presented and passed, and the election of officers was then proceeded with. The result was the re-election of Mr. H. R. B. Hancock as President, Mr. G. Miskin as Vice-President, and Mr. D. S. Green as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Entries for the various divisions were next called for. The H.K.C.C. entered in three classes, as did the K.C.C., the C.R.C., and the I.R.C. The M.B.K., the University and Craighower entered in A. and B. only. The Nippon Club, in B. and C. classes, were accompanied by the Recreio and S.O.A.A., while in C. class alone, there were five entries, those being the R.A.O.C., C.S.C.C., Filipino Club, Rowloon Indians and Kennedy Road Married Quarters.

Messrs. Rumjahn, Fincher and Lee were elected as selection committee. Discussion ensued with regard to the Shield, which, it was stated, was now filled up. It was ultimately decided that a border would be fixed, allowing for the placing of extra names.

The question of balls was brought up by the Chinese representative, but the committee decided that no ruling could be made and the provision of now or second-hand balls should be left to the individual committees. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the various officers, who had carried out their duties with ability during 1927.

Captain T. Bodley Scott, an ex-Mayor of Dover, was taken to sea for burial, and committed to the deep from the tug Lady Brassey.

VILMA BANKY AND RONALD COLMAN.

FAMOUS PAIR OF SCREEN
ROMANCE TO PART.

AT HOLLYWOOD.

Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 28.—Wanted: a lover and a heroine. Apply at the offices of Samuel Goldwyn.

The lover's job will be to woo beautiful Vilma Banky. The heroine's job will be to accept attentions and kisses from Ronald Colman.

In other words, what I am trying to tell you is that Colman and Miss Banky have kissed their last kiss. This couple, who have come to be known as the most popular team of screen lovers, have been separated.

They're Expensive.

Goldwyn, who controls the destinies of the these two, has decided that it costs too much to make pictures co-starring them—their salaries are prohibitive. Further, he believes that either of them is big enough to carry a picture alone.

There may be another reason, too, since it is a known fact in the innermost circles of filmdom that Colman and Miss Banky cannot get along at all. Their love scenes appear very real on the silver sheet, but between shots they're just as apt to be throwing things at each other as not.

What They Say About It.

Some time ago, when Goldwyn intimated to me that one more

MECHANICAL MAN.

UNVEILS A STATUE IN
ANSWER TO TELEPHONE.

America's mechanical man, whose amazing exploits in carrying out spoken orders were described a few months ago, is to make his debut in human shape.

When in connexion with a National Masonic League club dinner the Robot, or Frankenstein man, will unveil a statue of the "father of this country," in response to a telephoned order.

The automaton has been constructed externally of steel-coloured cardboard, with painted rivets, to give the impression that he has been hammered together.

His eyes are small electric lights. His arms are jointed at the shoulders and elbows, and so are his legs at the knees and ankles.

production, "The Passionate Adventure," would be the couple's last, I asked them what they thought of a separation.

Miss Banky, always the actress, replied, "I do not want to be separated from Mr. Colman—we get along so well together in our work."

Colman, the man, answered, "I believe the split will be beneficial to us both. An actor cannot do his best work when playing opposite the same person all of the time."

As yet, no steps have been taken to find new partners. There are a couple of good jobs open for somebody.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

SCOTS GUARDS v. K.O.B.B.

On Saturday at Taikeo Ridge Range, the 2nd Bn. Scots Guards met the 2nd Bn. K.O.B.B. in their last match of the Hongkong Rifle League. The shooting was very keen, and the Guards won by a handsome margin.

The best individual effort was that of G.M. Proven, M.M., of the Scots Guards, who obtained points at 200 and 300 yards and only dropped two points at 500, his score being 102. Scores follow:

2nd Bn. Scots Guards.		200 500 600 Total
R. S. M. W. Murray, D.C.M.	21 22 22	65
D/Sgt. W. H. H. H. H.	21 22 22	65
C. S. M. W. Proven, M.M.	22 22 22	66
S. L. M. H. H. H.	22 22 22	66
Sgt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Sgt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Lt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Flt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Flt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Total		716

2nd Bn. K.O.B.B.		200 500 600 Total
Sgt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Capt. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
Cpl. J. J. J.	22 22 22	66
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Total		664

Grand Total 1380.

Paris, Feb. 19.—A new cancer institute with room for 30 patients was opened at Marseilles this morning by M. Strauss, representing the Minister of Labour. The institute also possesses thirteen hundred miligrammes of radium worth roughly £15,000. The French Government is waging a vigorous war against the cancer scourge and has now established 14 such institutes throughout the country.



An Adventure in Life

THAT night they met in the moonlight, Sally and David, and she told him of what life had been like in the orphanage. Into sympathetic ears she poured the troubles of one who had never known a mother.

And now life on the Carson farm was proving very hard. Pearl Carson was jealous of her. Clem Carson, she knew, secretly hated her. If things did not change for the better she would have to run away, and what chance would a girl all alone have?

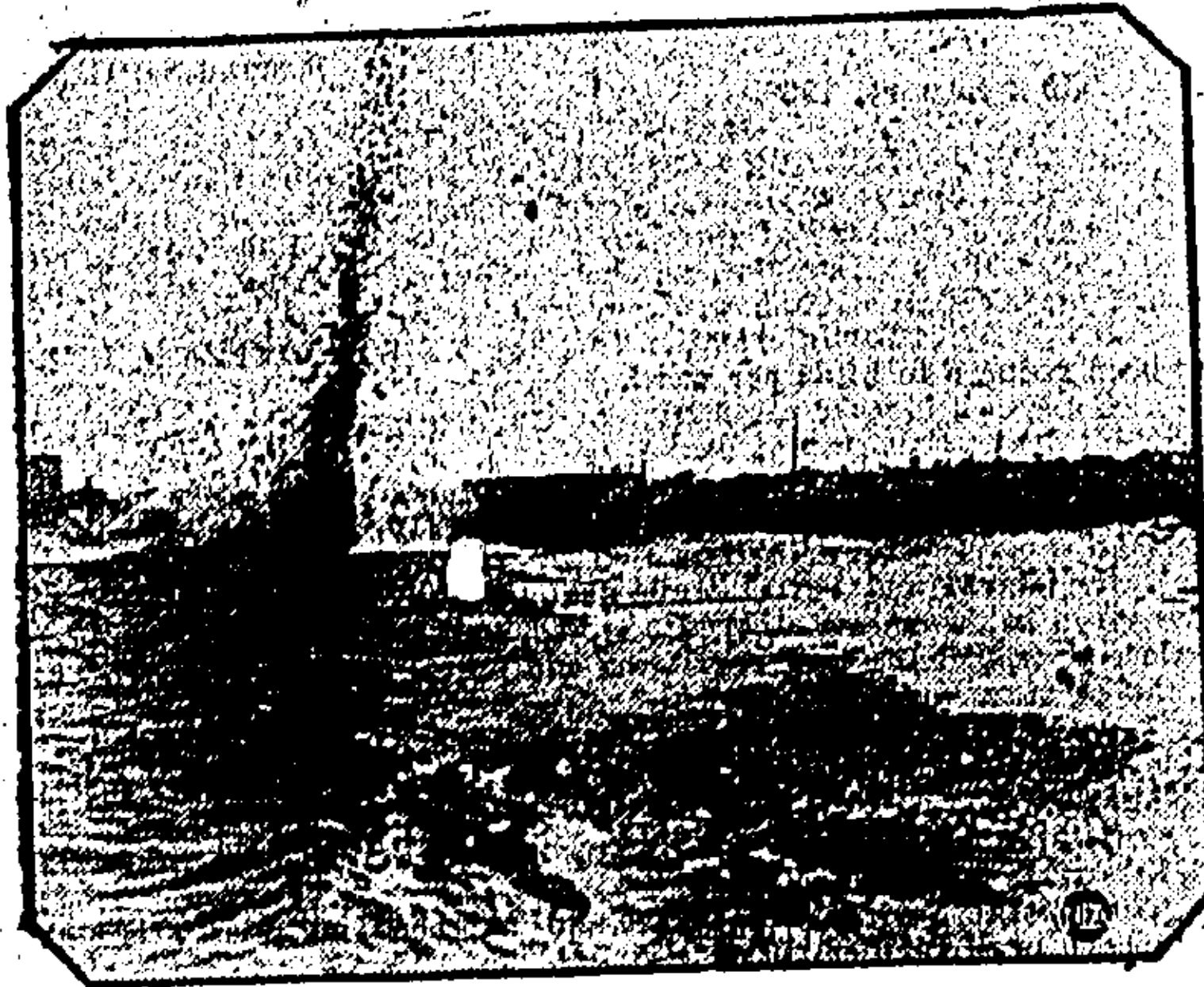
A FEW days later Sally did run away, and David with her. A few days later the pretty orphan girl was telling fortunes in a carnival and the young college student was working in a kitchen.

In their wildest dreams, Sally and David could never have imagined anything like that. But as it happened it was the most natural thing in the world. Read the story of Sally Ford in "Girl Alone," Anne Austin's latest serial. It starts on April 3rd in

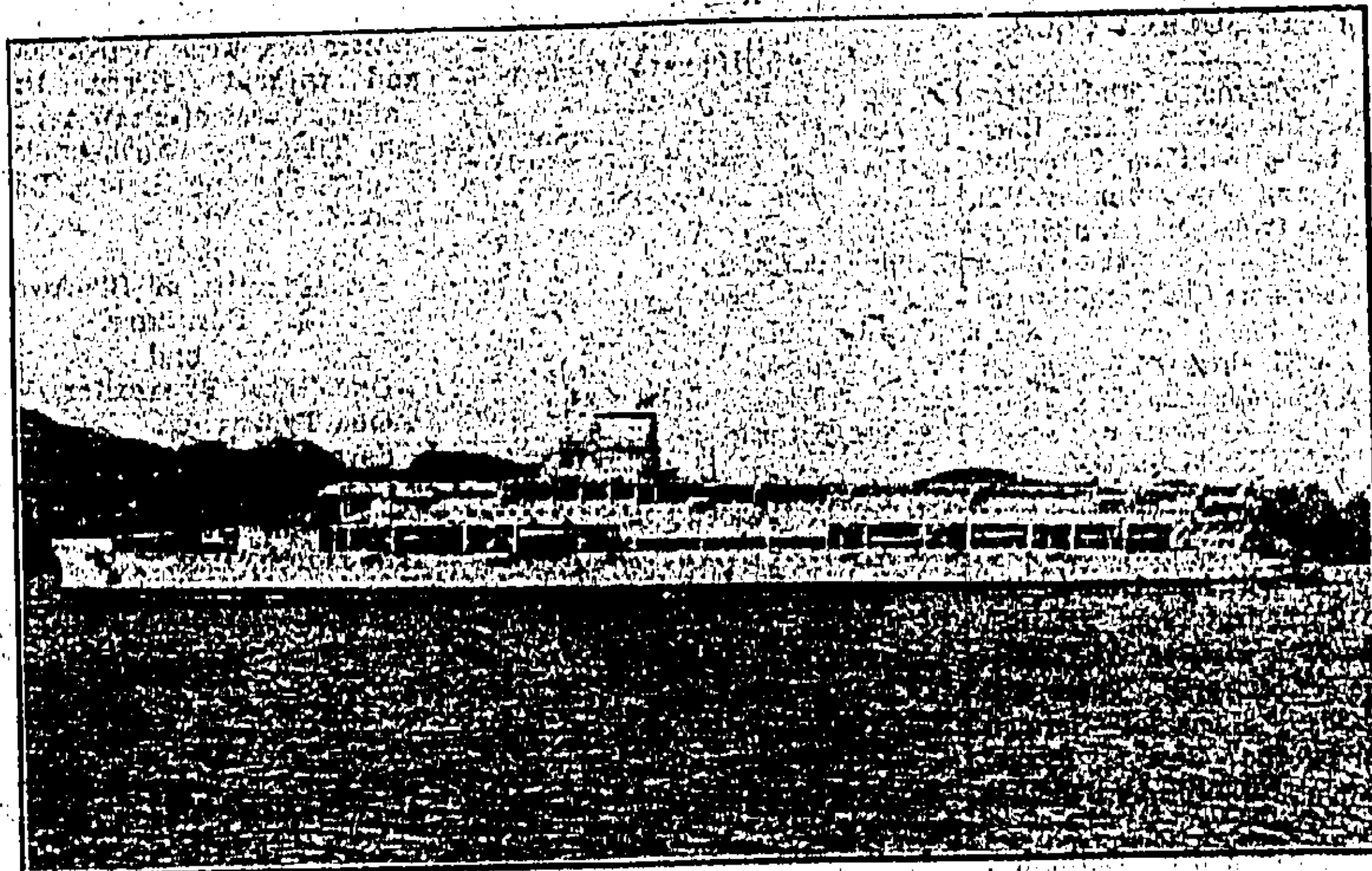
"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"



Photo taken at a recent dinner given in Shanghai by the staff of the Provisional Court to members of the bench and British and American deputies. The function was in the nature of a commemoration meeting.



President Coolidge touched an electric button at the White House, two dynamite charges went off and the new port of Hollywood Flc., was formally and physically opened. The picture shows what one of the detonations did to the last sand and coral obstruction between the harbour and the Atlantic.



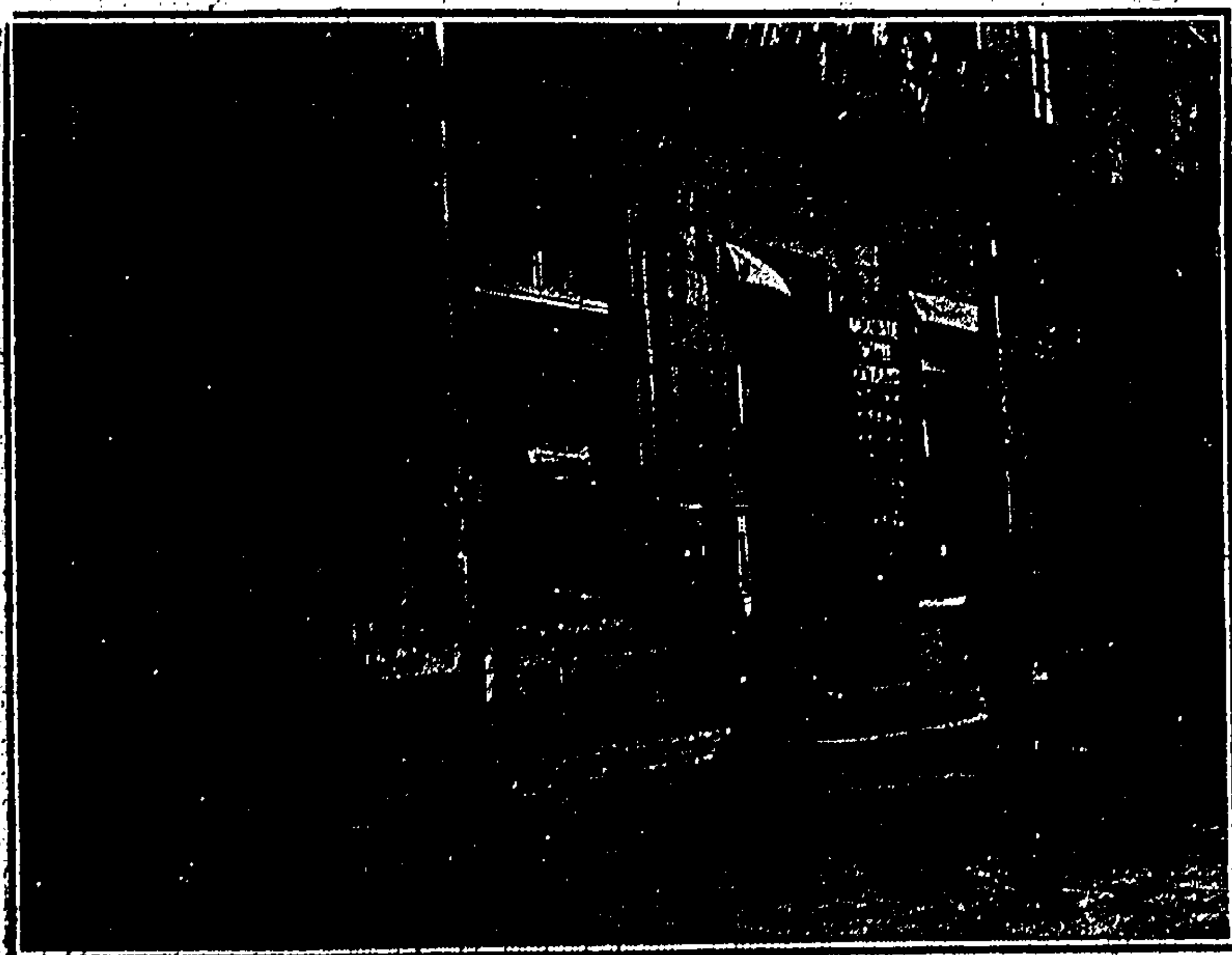
The first picture of H. M. S. Courageous since her reconstruction. The craft has cost Britain £4,000,000 since her keel was laid, £2,000,000 having been spent in turning her into an aircraft carrier. The above picture was taken as the Courageous rounded Devil's Point, Plymouth, recently. On Saturday while tests were being carried out with a pump, a serious accident occurred on board, a Warrant Engineer being killed, and three others sustaining severe injuries.



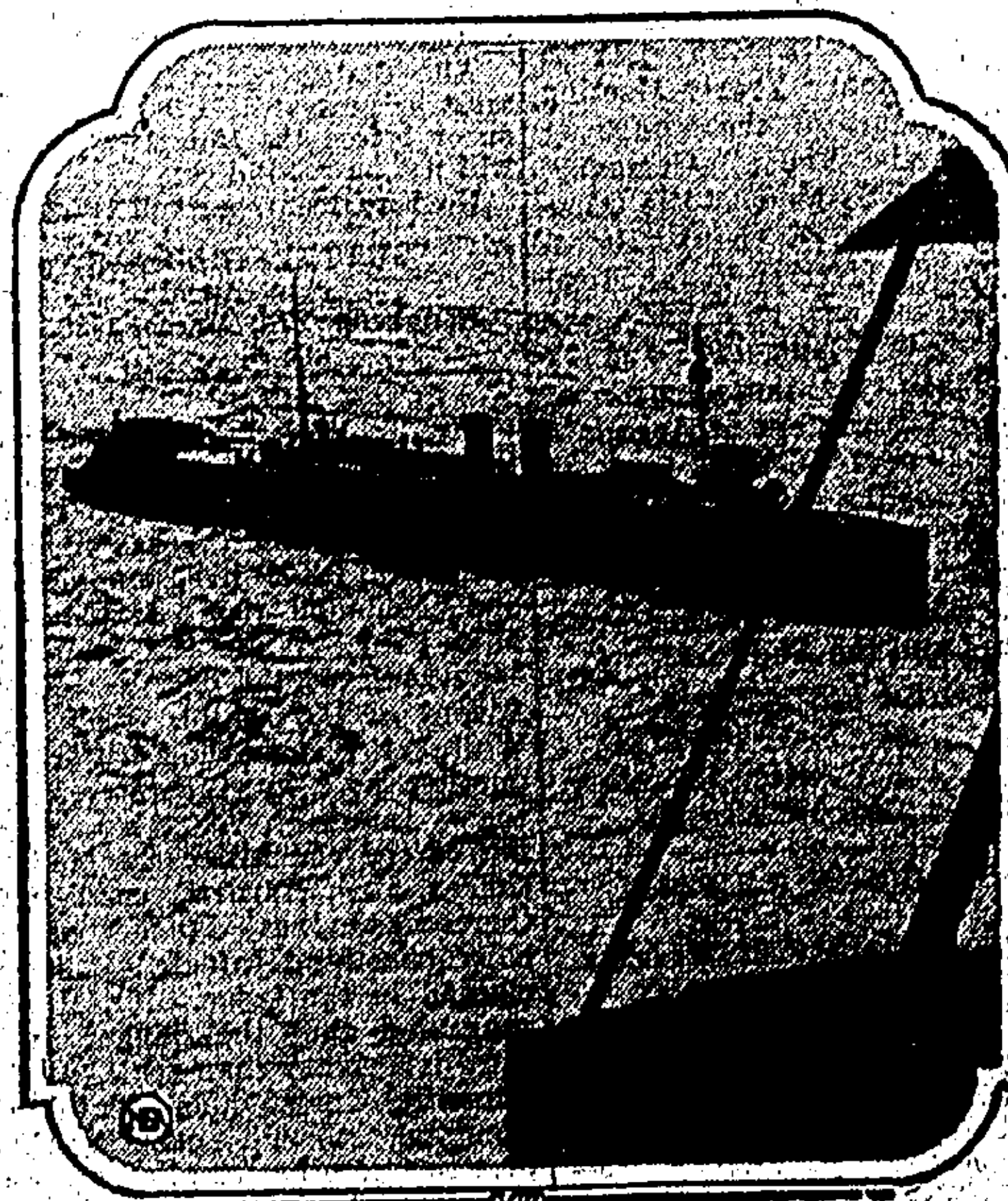
Taurus, winner of the Alexandra Park Cup, in the Shanghai First Extra Meeting, with his owner, Mr. C. A. Nahmmacher up, being led in after his sensational win. A dividend of \$926 was declared for the win.



The English team who won the Shanghai International Cup in the final against China, by four goals to two after extra time was played. From left to right they are (back): Mr. E. G. Barnes, Mr. W. Tingle, Mr. G. Forshaw; (second row); Wilkinson, Haylock, Mott, Pote-Hunt, Goldman; (front), Geo. Stokes, Palmer, Gash, Wright, Boddy. Six Interport players were included.

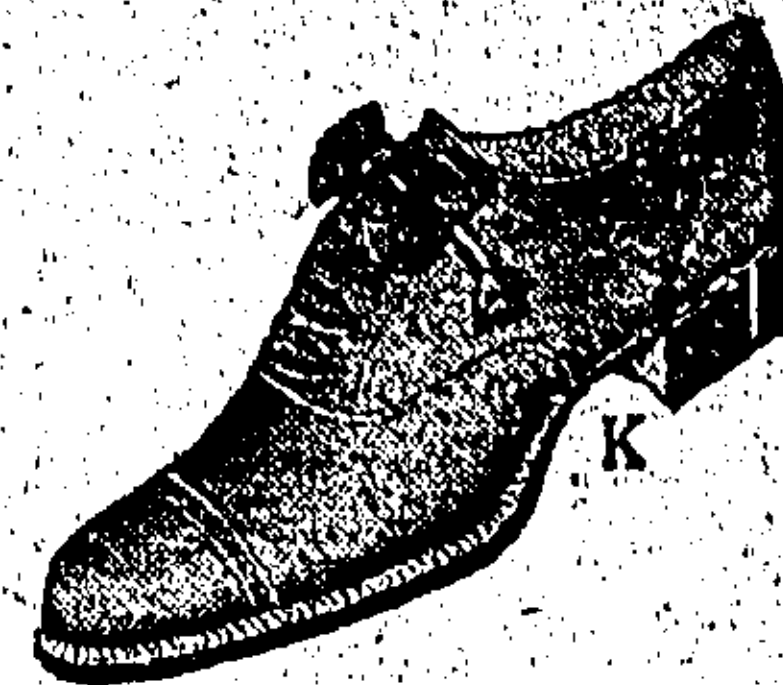


Due to business stagnation in Peking, many shops in the neighbourhood of the Chien Men and the Wang Fu Ching Ts, principal shopping districts, are closing their doors. This picture shows a row of stores which have ceased business in the Wang Fu Ching Ts.



Held fast by a field of shifting ice, the Mattiend I received food from a National Guard airplane from which this picture was taken. The big ship was held fast in the ice on Lake Erie two miles north east of Ashtabula, O., while tugs tried to break a path from the harbour.

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FOR SALE.—Exquisite evening dress, misfit, unworn, pale green, beaded, medium figure. Cost 10 guineas, take \$80. Also rain coat, purple shot silk, \$15. Apply Box No. 346, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONGKONG BASEBALL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Hongkong Baseball Association, will be held at the American Consulate General, 5.30 p.m., WEDNESDAY, April 4th, 1923.

All interested are requested to attend.

HIN-WONG,
Hon. Secretary,
Hongkong, Mar. 27th, 1923.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on Monday, the Second day of April, 1923, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the following Resolution passed at an Extraordinary Resolution on the 16th day of March, 1923 as a Special Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$5,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 500,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on Monday, the Second day of April, 1923 at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorised to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1923, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1923."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

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Agents.

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong), on Thursday, the 12th day of April, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1922, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. G. COPELEY,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 20th March, 1923.

If you want good health investigate and learn the truth of how Poo On Herbs have cured thousands. No drugs. No Knife. Simply Poo On Chinese Herbs. Catarrh, Nervousness, Constipation, Bronchial Asthma, Bronchitis, Rheumatism, Dropsy, Insomnia, Diabetes, Bright's Disease, and many other ailments.

POO ON HERBS CO.,
66, Queen's Road Central,
1st Floor.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 4th April, 1923, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th March, 1923, to the 4th April, 1923, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 19th March, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 7th April, and on Monday 9th April, 1923, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 4 p.m. on Thursday, 29th March, 1923.

CATHOLIC MISSION.

A Mission will be given in the Catholic Cathedral from THURSDAY, the 29th inst. to WEDNESDAY, the 4th of April. There will be each day a special Sermon preached by the Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., at 6 p.m., followed by Benediction.

All, and especially Catholics, are cordially invited to attend.

HONGKONG DEVELOPMENT BUILDING & SAVINGS SOCIETY LTD.

(IN LIQUIDATION).

Contributors who have paid the call made on the 5th day of October, 1922, in full, are requested to present their Share Certificates to the undersigned for endorsement.

J. HENNESSEY SETH,
S. HAMPDEN ROSS,
Liquidators,
c/o Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming,
Hongkong, 21st March, 1923.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of the Articles of Association of this Company, the undermentioned Shares were FORFEITED on the 23rd MARCH, 1923, by reason of the Non-payment of Calls due thereon:—
Certificate No. 602 Shares No. 170651/170690.

For the Hongkong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd.,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1923.

HONGKONG REALTY AND TRUST CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hongkong.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Office of the Company, Exchange Building, (2nd Floor) Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong, on Friday, the 13th day of April, 1923, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the six months ended on the 31st December, 1922, confirming the appointment of two Directors, and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
C. F. V. RIBEIRO,
Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1923.

MISS SIGGINS, C.S.M.M.C.

(Chartered Society of Massage and Medical Gymnastics London.)
Massage. Medical Electricity. Remedial Exercises.
Apply Helena May Institute.

MRS. SEKAI

MASSAGE

6, Wyndham Street, 1st floor, Hongkong.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-Third Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 28th March, 1923, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1922.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Thursday, the 22nd day of March, to Thursday, the 29th day of March, 1923, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 16th Mar., 1923.

MACAO RACE CLUB.

Draft programmes and entry forms of the Seventh Extra Race Meeting to be held on Sunday 15th April, 1923. (WEATHER PERMITTING, can be obtained upon application to The International Rotor Advertising Co., 3rd Floor, Race and Recreation Club of Macao, Ltd., Hongkong Jockey Club, Causeway Bay Stables, and Rotor Advertising Co., 3rd Floor Exchange Building, Hongkong.

Entries will close on Tuesday, 3rd April, 1923 at 1 p.m.

FANLING HUNT.

STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, 31st March, 1923.

First Race 3 p.m.

ADMISSION: Public Enclosure \$1.00

Ladies Free.

Admission to Subscribers' Enclosure on production of badge only.

Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free and Two Non-members at \$5.00 each.

Tickets obtainable from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

Special Trains leave Kowloon 2.00 p.m. Return from Fanling 6.00 p.m. Return Fare 1st Class \$1.50, 2nd Class 90 cents.

FREE PARKING FOR MOTOR CARS.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

And

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's Steamer,

"MENELAUS"

From UNITED KINGDOM via

SINGAPORE,

are hereby notified that the cargo having arrived per s.s. "Telokias" from Singapore will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 27th March.

Optional cargo will be landed here, unless notice has been given to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 18th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,
Hongkong, 27th March, 1923.

Mr. T. Whitaker, who occupies the lodge near Barnett Isolation Hospital, and is employed by the Hospital Committee, has received notice to leave his employment and the lodge owing to the birth of a baby. While the committee congratulated the parents on the advent of the child, they told Whitaker that he had better find another post in the interests of the infant. At a meeting of the committee the Medical Officer, Dr. Harnett, said that there was a real danger of the baby becoming infected if it remained in the lodge. Mr. Harris suggested that the danger was more imaginary than real, but the committee insisted on Whitaker's dismissal, though granting him time to find other employment and accommodation.

Shoreditch Borough Council's new electricity sub-station, described as the largest of its type in the world, was opened by Sir Andrew Duncan, Chairman of the Central Electricity Board.

LAMBERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on FRIDAY, the 30th March, 1923, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street,

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

comprising:—
Silver Cabinets, Desks, Book Cupboards, Filing Stands, Hat Stand with Mirror, Clothes Hangers, Chesterfield Armchairs, Carpets, Rugs, Pictures, Ornaments, etc., etc.
Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards with Mirrors, Dinner Wagon, Teak Ice Chest, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Cutlery, etc., etc.
Teak and Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Teak Wardrobes with and without Mirror, Dressing Tables, Chest of Drawers, Marble and Tiled Top Washstands, Side Tables, Shaving Stands, Chamber Stands, etc., etc.

also
A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture,

and
One Royal Typewriter.
One Typewriter.
Seven Enamelled Baths.
Catalogues will be issued.
On View from Thursday, the 29th March, 1923.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMBERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

CHINA AUCTION ROOMS.

6, Duddell Street.
If you have anything you would like to sell, exchange or advertise send it to the CHINA AUCTION ROOM.

E. V. M. R. de SOUSA.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED.

The Ordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of April, 1923, at 11 a.m.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 29th of March, to 2nd of April, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

KNOW THE COUNTRY YOU LIVE IN BY VISITING THE 'CHINA' EXHIBITION, STANDREW'S HALL & GROUNDS, MAR. 28th, 29th & 30th.

LETTER GOLF.

Even an umpire can't change a FOUL to a BALL. But Letter Golf does it easily, in four strokes.



FOUL BALL.

1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

NOTICE.

Commencing February 24th a Radio Letter Service will be opened for the exchange of Radio Letter Telegrams to the place, and at the rates, given below.

Radio Letter Telegrams are accepted subject to the following conditions:—

1. Minimum delay in delivery, 24 hours.
2. Messages must be written in plain English or plain Spanish. Code addresses may be used. Groups of figures, trade marks, trade terms and trade expressions must be expanded by qualifying words so that messages will offer an intelligible sense to ANYONE reading them.
3. Each message must bear the Indication R.L. as part of the address. The indication is connected and charged for as one word. No limit on the number of words a message may contain.

RADIO LETTER RATES.

To	Minimum 20 Words.	Each Additional Word.
Hankow	2.00	.10
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Other Offices in California & other Pacific States	11.50	.50
Mountain States U.S.	12.50	.50
Central States U.S.	12.50	.50
Eastern States U.S.	13.00	.50
British Columbia 1st Zone only	12.50	.50
Alberta, Saskatchewan & Manitoba	12.50	.50
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Newfoundland	13.50	.50

M. J. BRIZEN,
POSTMASTER GENERAL.

24th February, 1923.

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—
Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchow, Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Hoihow, Amoy and Poochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to \$1.55 per word.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTESS, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by meter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabuo and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	St. Albans	March 27.
Europe via Suez, letters and papers, London, 1st March and parcels 23rd February	Tenyo Maru	March 28.
Shanghai	Morua	March 29.
Australia and Manila	Mantua	March 30.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Aratara	April 2.
	Empress of Canada	April 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C., 15th April).	
Saigon	Hain Foo Sing Tues.,	Mar. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Chong On	Tues., Mar. 27, 4 p.m.

THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

(Author of "False Pretences," "Mrs. Pomeroy's Reputation," etc.)

CHAPTER XXVI. FOR THE DEFENCE.

When Sir Joseph reached Park Lane, and hastening to the bedroom, where Lady Parkinson had gone as a matter of routine to dress for dinner, sent away her maid, she promptly collapsed. Instead of taking her place at the table, she was put to bed, and when Sir Joseph finished his solitary meal, he went to sit by her side, holding her hand and doing his utmost in his rough way to soothe her.

But her imagination was too active. She visualised Everard in his cell. She wondered whether he felt cold this bitter night, and what would be given him to eat.

"That won't hurt him," Sir Joseph insisted. "Do him good. He's as strong as a horse. Perhaps I'll teach him a lesson. What we've got to do is to prevent him from being committed for trial tomorrow. I shan't have a moment's peace till I've seen Colston. Upon my word, I've a good mind to order the car now."

"He must have left his office long ago," said Lady Parkinson. "I know that. I don't imagine he sleeps there. But he lives at Bayswater. I can find the address in the Telephone Directory. He won't mind when he hears what trouble we're in. He's made a good many pickings out of me. That's what I shall do."

Sir Joseph Parkinson was the only person in the world for whom Mr. Colston would have interrupted his game at Bridge. He was the senior partner in Colston, Marsh, Tanqueray and Smith, and for years Sir Joseph had been by far his most lucrative client. So that when the parlourmaid whispered that he was in the dining-room, Mr. Colston apologised to his guests, and asked his daughter to take his hand.

He was nearly fifty, tall and handsome, with a rather long face and iron grey hair, wearing a dinner jacket this evening, and assuring Sir Joseph that he was always at his service, at any hour of the day or night.

"It's a matter of life or death, or I wouldn't have disturbed you, Colston," said Sir Joseph. "That is the simple fact. A matter of life or death to my son."

At one time and another, the solicitor had been the recipient of painful confidences about Everard, whose promises notes he had been called upon to discharge on the most favourable terms he could obtain and this evening he listened while his face grew graver and graver.

"I hope I need not tell you," he said when at last Sir Joseph became silent, "that we will do our very best if you wish us to act for you. But, frankly, the case is out of our line. If you take my advice, you'll put it in the hands of a firm that specialises in criminal business. Larcamb and Spang for instance. I could accompany you to their offices in Old Jewry in the morning. The earlier the better. There are no—er—smarter men in London. I should prefer Larcamb to his partner."

Although Sir Joseph deprecated dealing with a stranger, he realised the wisdom of Colston's advice, and undertook to call for him at half-past nine with the car.

That night Sir Joseph and Lady Parkinson lay awake many hours in their twin beds, the most miserable night of their twenty-seven years' married life. As she heard one hour after another strike, she would raise her head.

"Are you awake, Joe?"

"Damn it, I can't get to sleep," he answered.

"Think of poor Everard—"

"Good God, I can't think of anything else. I can't get the boy out of my mind. I wish I could."

"I didn't feel so unhappy even that night of the dreadful storm two days after he sailed to New York," she said. "Joe, do you think he's certain to be discharged tomorrow?"

"Nothing's certain," he answered. Not even his innocence, he might have added, but spared his wife that. Presently, after

four, she failed to get an answer. Sir Joseph had fallen into a restless sleep. But she lay awake an hour longer, tormenting herself by the imagination of horrors, as one is apt to do at that most depressing hour of the twenty-four. Suppose that Everard had lost his temper and struck the woman! No, no, he could not, it was inconceivable—but suppose he had! She also fell asleep at last, to awaken, however, before the clock struck eight, wondering before her eyes were fully open, what fresh trouble the new day was to bring forth.

By ten o'clock Sir Joseph was accompanying Mr. Colston into the well-furnished room on the ground floor of the house in Old Jewry, where Mr. Larcamb was opening his letters and dictating replies to the pleasant-looking shorthand clerk by his side. When she had been dismissed with her notebook, Sir Joseph sat down and repeated the sorry tale he had told to Colston overnight, protesting Everard's innocence, notwithstanding the suspicious circumstances, with more intense fervour than ever.

"Yes, yes, Sir Joseph," said Mr. Larcamb, a small, dapper man of about thirty-five, "we assume your son's perfect innocence. That goes without saying. But I'm afraid you must make up your mind that no power on earth can prevent a remand. We will strain every nerve. Depend on that! I will find out what time Mr. Parkinson is to be brought before the magistrate."

"I thought," suggested Sir Joseph, "Sir Robert Ackerman—"

"If we can get him, by all means. I'll phone his clerk at once."

"I should like him to put in an appearance to-day, Mr. Larcamb."

"I will see what can be done. But, Sir Robert's a busy man," said Mr. Larcamb.

"Money is no object," Sir Joseph insisted. "Get the boy off. Establish his innocence. Nothing else matters."

He felt that he was being hustled out of the office, but consoled himself by the assurance that the solicitor was desirous to get along with the case. Re-entering the car alone, he returned to Park Lane, where he was surprised to hear that Lady Parkinson had insisted on getting up, and was at present in the morning-room.

There they spent the rest of the morning miserably together, Sir Joseph incessantly smoking, and gradually breaking the news that in Larcamb's opinion, Everard was certain to be remanded for a week. And, of course, there could be no question of bail.

"But we'll get him off," Sir Joseph insisted. "We'll get him off, and see whether we can't give him a fresh start. Perhaps I was a bit too strict. God knows he's been enough to provoke a saint. I never pretended to be one. But when once we get him out of this infernal mess, we'll see."

"Joe," said Lady Parkinson, "suppose you can't get him off after all."

"We're trying to get Ackerman," Sir Joseph answered. "If once I make up my mind to a thing, I don't often fail. I'm not going to fail this time."

"Oh dear, oh dear," she cried. "To think of him as a baby, the loveliest child anyone ever saw. I can remember his first tooth, and how nearly we lost him over scarlet fever. And his school days, and all the trouble since and now we're sitting here wondering whether he won't be found guilty and hanged—"

Sir Joseph started impetuously to his feet.

"You may be," he retorted. "I'm not. You'll drive me mad. I want to keep cool. You won't let me. I want all my wits about me. Don't look at the darkest side. Hope for the best. I shall want lunch early."

"How can you think of eating?" she said, reproachfully.

"I shall start for the police court at half-past one."

"You'll never be able to stand it," answered Lady Parkinson. "Yet it's worse to stay here—waiting, waiting, waiting."

(To be continued.)

BRIDGE AND MAH JONGG.

ARE THEY GAMES OF CHANCE?

The Manila police department and the city fiscal's office, or more specifically Jose del Prado, assistant city fiscal, again are at loggerheads, says the *Manila Bulletin*. The issue at present is whether bridge and mah jongg are the games of chance.

Colonel John W. Green, Manila police chief, maintains bridge and mah jongg are games of skill which one who has not studied the three R's cannot play. The games require brain exertion and fast eye work, according to him.

He cited the decision of the Court of First Instance of Manila a few years ago and the opinion rendered by the city fiscal's office many years before, holding that bridge and mah jongg were games of skill and not prohibited either by the general gambling law or the city gambling ordinances.

Fiscal del Prado, who has studied the way the games are played, in co-operation with three members of the secret service gambling squad, concluded that bridge and mah jongg are games of chance, which should be prohibited by law. He added that the games are in every way similar to the game of "cuajo," which was declared sometime ago a game of chance by Judge Simplicio del Rosario, of the Manila Court of First Instance.

The order of Colonel Green to the secret service and police not to arrest anybody playing bridge and mah jongg, however, remains in force, the opinion of the assistant city fiscal to the contrary notwithstanding. Colonel Green announced the games could be played anywhere and at any time without fear of police intervention.

UNCHARTED ROCK SPOTTED.

PHILIPPINE DISASTER RECALLED.

The rock that sank the s.s. Brutus, 1,200 ton interisland steamer, near San Ramon, Zamboanga, on June 2, 1912, has been charted, according to the records of the U.S.S.S. Pathfinder, coast and geodetic survey vessel which returned to Manila last week after spending the past six months in Sulu waters.

The rock, located off San Ramon, has been a constant source of terror to interisland captains since the sinking of the Brutus, owing to the uncertainty of its position.

Ships travelling from northern ports in the islands to Jolo have adopted a passage out of their way and the chartering of the rock will now make it possible for them to shorten the route approximately 25 miles, according to Captain F. S. Borden, commander of the Pathfinder.

It is also believed by the officers, of the Pathfinder that the hull of the Brutus was located. In taking soundings, they found a small knob located at the bottom, evidently covered with ocean growth that conformed to the measurements of the sunken vessel.

The Brutus was a first-class coastwise ship and was built in Dumbarton, in 1900. She was of all-steel construction and considered one of the best vessels in the interisland service at the time of her sinking. She carried a light cargo at the time she went down and only one life was lost.

The first officer, who was at the bridge when the boat struck the rock, thinking that he would be severely reprimanded for the disaster, shot himself to death. The crew and other officers were saved by a passing boat.



It's not how much money his father's got, but how much of his father's money has he got, that counts.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 s.
Chartered Bank, \$212 b.
Mitsubishi A. & B., \$231 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia, \$74 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 b.
Union Ins., \$331 n.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$720 b. X. Div.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 a.
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$100 n.
Shell Trans., \$7/6 n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$2.35 n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$16 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raub, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$140 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$48 s.
China Providents, \$6.05 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 164 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 103 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.75 s.
Orientals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 58 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.60 s.
H. K. Lands, \$671 s.
Shai Lands Tls. \$133 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Realties, \$3.25 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$251 s.
Peak Trams, (old), \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$641 n.
China Lights, (Comb.), \$18 b.
H'kong Electric, \$701 b.
Macao Electric, \$21 b.
Telephones, \$4.85 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$9 s.
Malabons, \$25 s.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.), \$11.65 s.
Ropes (Old), \$9.40 s.
United Asbestos, \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$21.80 b.
Watsons, \$141 n.
Der A. Wing, \$1 s.
Lano Crawfords, \$3.75 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sincoras, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 b.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 7% Prer.

CULION LEFER COLONY.

NEW YORK PROMISE OF SUPPORT.

New York, Mar. 20. Leprosy can be eradicated from the earth within the present generation with the aid of dependable support from the United States for scientific work at the Culion leper colony, Mrs. Dorothy Paul Wade declared here to-day before a luncheon held in the interests of the Leonard Wood Memorial.

Major General Harbord, national president of the memorial, announced that one-half of New York's quota of \$500,000 had been raised, and he expressed a hope that the remainder would be subscribed within a month.

Mrs. Wade gave a graphic description of the work at Culion.

"The outstanding fact," she said, "is that lepers are being cured and are being sent back to Manila every year. But these are relatively few, not because leprosy is incurable, but because there is not enough money to perfect a cure."

She appealed for funds to discover how the disease is transmitted and to develop the chaulmoogra oil treatment.

Other speakers included Major General Hanson E. Ely and Major General Summerall.

TIPPING SCHEME THAT FAILED.

SHILLING ON EVERY BILL NOT A SUCCESS AT P.E.N. CLUB.

"Our attempt to solve the tipping problem by adding 1s. to every bill has failed."

"In future members will be left to tip or not tip as they like," states the P.E.N. Club, in announcing its next dinner.

Prince D. S. Mirsky is to be the guest of honour on that occasion. The P.E.N. Club—an international dining club for playwrights, authors and novelists, was founded in 1921, with headquarters in London.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Tjikembang	Java, Mosr	9th Apr	10th Apr	Amoy, N. China
Tjikembang	N. China	9th Apr	11th Apr	Mosr & Java
Tjikembang	Batavia	12th Apr	15th Apr	Amoy, Shanghai & Keelung
Tjikembang	Java, M'ila	15th Apr	17th Apr	Swatow & Saigon
Tjikembang	S'hai, K'lung	16th Apr	18th Apr	Batavia
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Platoon.

Conditions.

To be shot at Stonecutters on Sunday,
1st April, 1928. Rifle Shooting.
1. Team of 8 men from each
Platoon to fire Part II, Musketry
Course.

2. Fire movement.

(a) Teams to consist of 8 Men
and Section Leader of any rank
from each Platoon and the Scottish
Section Reserve Company.(b) Fall in at 400 yards firing
point in full fighting kit with
bayonets fixed, belts, braces and
pouches 16 rounds issued to each
man.(c) Officer in charge of the Range
will signal the butts and order the
Section Leader to "carry on."(d) Section Leader will order his
men to lie down load 5 rounds from
the pouches, sights to 300 yards,
safety catches back, and be ready
to advance.(e) Signal to advance will be the
appearance of the silhouette targets.
Section Leader will advance his men
to the 300 yards firing point and
order them to fire 5 rounds (Time
allowed 75 seconds—advancing and
firing).(f) Interval of 20 seconds during
which time sights will be altered to
200 yards, 5 rounds loaded from the
pouches, safety catches back. Be
ready to advance.(g) Targets appear—advance to
200 yards firing point and fire 5
rounds (75 seconds allowed).(h) 20 seconds interval. Alter
sights to 100 yards, load 5 rounds,
safety catches back. Be ready to
advance.(i) Targets appear—advance to
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1924/25—No. 7 (City) Platoon.

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(1) Attendance. Every Officer,
N.C.O. and man who attends a parade
scores a point for his Platoon.Points to be computed on an average
basis.

1st Platoon scores 150 points.

2nd Platoon scores 100 points.

3rd Platoon scores 50 points.

(2) Attendance at Camp. Points
will count as in No. 1 except that an
attendance for each day counts as
two points and any absence as minus
1 point. Points to be computed on
an average basis.

1st Platoon scores 150 points.

2nd Platoon scores 100 points.

3rd Platoon scores 25 points.

(3) Squad Drill with Arms.
Each Platoon to be drilled by Platoon
Sergeant and/or Senior N. C. O. and
at least 50% of active strength of
Platoon to participate.

Judges. Neutral Officers.

1st Platoon scores 100 points.

2nd Platoon scores 50 points.

3rd Platoon scores 25 points.

(4) Fire Control, will be carried
out on Mixture 1-range. One section
from each Platoon—consisting of
4 men and an N.C.O.—compute.Section Commander (N.C.O.) will
be shown a place on a landscape target
unknown to his section. He will
then march his men inside the range
where men will take up firing positions
and load one round.Section Commander will take up
position in rear of firing point and on
order "carry on" from the judge, will
give his fire order to his section who
will then fire 5 rounds per man.Time will be taken by the judge from
the time he gives the order to "carry
on" until the last man in each section
has fired the first shot. No man
is to fire until Section Commander's
Fire Order is completed.Following points will be added to
points scored on target:

1st Platoon scores 5 points.

2nd Platoon scores 3 points.

3rd Platoon scores 1 point.

Conditions of Firing. 5 rounds in-
dependent with harmonized sights.All shots inside a 6 inch square to
count—the point of aim being 6
o'clock point indicated on target.

1st Platoon scores 100 points.

2nd Platoon scores 50 points.

3rd Platoon scores 25 points.

(5) Guard Mounting March Past
Etc. Platoons will parade in close
column in Review order under the
Company Commander or such other
officer as may be appointed by the
Commandant.

Models to be worn.

25 points to the Platoon having
best average attendance on parade.(a) A General Inspection of each
Platoon will be made by neutral
officers.

Points will be awarded as follows:

For General Turnout.

Platoon 1st 25 points.

Platoon 2nd 10 points.

(b) The Company will then march
past saluting base in column
of four.

Platoon 1st 100 points.

Platoon 2nd 50 points.

Platoon 3rd 25 points.

(c) Each Platoon will then
furnish a Guard of 6 Men and 1 N.C.O.The Guard will be drawn for order
of mounting guard. Other guards will
be marched out of sight. Highest
possible number of points obtainable
by each Guard will be 100 and points
obtained will go towards their
Platoon's score.

Each guard will go through:

Guard Mounting.

Guard Turning out.

Guard Changing.

The Guard Commander (N.C.O.)
will be asked to turn out his guard
to one of the following:

Orderly Officer.

Commanding Officer.

Armed Party or Armed Corps.

Sentries will be asked questions on
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BRIDGE UNDERGRADUATES.More than 1,200 Cambridge un-
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Baldwin and Dr. Cyril Norwood,
Headmaster of Harrow (the Premier's
old school) speak on "Our
Country's Opportunity." More
than 400 waited in vain outside for
admission.The meeting had been announced
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Colleges," and the representatives
of the Press were requested by the
organisers to treat it as a private
meeting.The invitations which had been
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meeting is not organised by any
particular society or denomination."When the Prime Minister and
Dr. Norwood walked from Pem-
broke College the waiting queues
cheered loudly.Mr. Baldwin had spent the week-
end at Cambridge. His visit was
private. He watched the finish
of the Lent races, and had
the satisfaction of seeing his
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"HAIHONG" OPIUM HAUL.**OVER \$68,000 WORTH FOUND SECRETED.****HUGE FINE IMPOSED.**

At the Central Magistracy, this morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell imposed fines totalling \$102,000, or, in default, a total term of 12 months' hard labour, on one of three Chinese firemen of the s.s. Haihong, charged with importing and possessing 3,600 taels of illicit prepared opium, worth over \$68,000.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence of all three accused and at the outset told the Magistrate that he was prepared to plead "guilty" on behalf of the first man only.

Chief Preventive Officer Clark, who conducted the case for the prosecution, replied that he was unable to accept that plea, and evidence was then called.

Revenue Officer Ward stated that about 4 a.m. on March 15, acting on information received, he boarded the s.s. Haihong, lying alongside the Douglas Co. Wharf in the company of the C.P.O. and two Chinese Revenue Officers.

After boarding the ship, witness immediately went down to the engine room and entered the stokehold. There he saw Nos. 2 and 3 accused on the starboard side by the bunker. On seeing witness, No. 2 put his hands behind his back and dropped a large spanner on to some coal lying on the footplate outside the bunker door.

Two Arrests. Witness caught hold of both Nos. 2 and 3 accused and, turning them round, handed them over to one of the Chinese Revenue Officers. He then proceeded to the port side of the after boiler.

Proceeding, R. O. Ward said that he looked down a manhole in the side of the boiler casing which led down to the ballast tanks underneath. He saw a light below, and as he looked the light was extinguished. He pushed his way through the hole and, bending down, flashed his electric torch. Then he saw the first accused crawling underneath the boiler. He had in his hands a spanner and an electric torch, both of which he placed by the side of the water pipe. Witness then stretched out his arms, grabbed No. 1 and pulled him out of the manhole. No. 1 was led to the stokehold, where the other two accused were, and left there.

R. O. Ward said he then went to the starboard side and climbed over the casing by the starboard boiler plating and then down the side of the boiler to the tank underneath the furnace. Once he reached the tanks he proceeded to the port side tank near which he had seen the first accused. He crawled to the top of the port ballast tank and there discovered two oil lamps which were not burning, but they were hot and smoking, as if they had been recently lit. He also found two more burners.

In Submerged Barge. On reaching the ballast tank door, he found that all the nuts had been uncrewed and removed. He took the door off and looked into the tank. It was almost full of water, but the water was so clear that he could see a bag submerged in it. Witness informed the C.P.O. and then proceeded to the office to get assistance to remove the bags from the tank.

When he returned he pumped some of the water out of the tank and then took out nine bags, each of which contained 400 taels of prepared opium.

In reply to the Magistrate the witness agreed that, apparently, No. 1 was in the act of getting at the opium but was prevented from doing so by the witness's arrival. The tank cover did not appear to have been recently removed when the witness lifted it.

Two Discharged. Mr. Lindsell remarked that there was no evidence against the second and third accused, and they were discharged.

The first defendant was fined \$2,000, or three months, on the importing charge, and \$100,000 or nine months, for possession of the opium.

The drug was ordered to be confiscated.

WOMAN'S OFFER TO LATE AIRMAN.**CAPTAIN HINCHLIFFE'S REFUSAL.**

New York, Mar. 26. Miss Mabel Boll, who recently flew non-stop with Levine to Havana, and who has already offered several airmen large sums to take her as passenger on a Transatlantic flight, declares that she offered Captain Hinchliffe \$25,000 to pilot her Transatlantic flight.

Captain Hinchliffe in a letter refused the offer, and said that he knew he could get \$50,000 for such a flight.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GERMANS IN "RED" HANDS.**STORY OF GRUESOME DEVILRY.****COMPELLED TO WITNESS INHUMAN HORRORS.****HUNAN HOLOCAUST.**

Hankow papers to hand give gruesome details of the terrible experiences which befel a German engineer and his wife when, about a fortnight ago, they were seized by the Communist rabble at Chenchow, in South Hunan, and compelled to witness horrible "Red" atrocities. Arriving in Hankow, they told a grim tale of all that they had been through and of their fortunate escape from unspeakable torture and possible murder.

According to the story told by the engineer himself, he was engaged at the lead mines at Chenchow when the rabble of Tang Seng-chi's troops, augmented by nondescript forces from across the Kwangtung border, burst on the town.

One of the first steps taken by this horde was to take possession of the German's house and take him and his wife prisoner. These two, with their clothes torn were taken to a temple and thrown in with a considerable number of Chinese prisoners whom the communists had gathered in on one or another excuse.

The general condition was well nigh beyond words but there was an even greater horror for the foreigners for the Communists conducted a ruthless series of executions of prisoners before their eyes. Every moment the engineer and his wife thought would be their last as the people were executed without trial or justice. The lady is now on the verge of a nervous breakdown from the terrible strain of this time.

Explosion at House.

Unexpected and with no explanation the two were taken after a day or two of witnessing these horrors back to their house and detained there. As it happened a violent explosion took place shortly afterwards near the place. How it occurred no one seemed to know but it resulted in a large number of the riffling being injured.

There then took place a general hunt for a doctor, but of course after the reign of terrorism none could be found. The Communists ended by asking whether the foreign engineer could dress wounds and this he stated he could do thinking that by so doing he would be given an opportunity of getting away.

He tended the wounded but, much to his chagrin was then told that he had proved himself too useful a man for the horde to allow him to depart.

Witnessed Rape and Murder.

He was therefore forced to accompany the band to Lei yang and there he witnessed the reign of rape and murder. He saw with his own eyes houses being set alight and the inmates forced to remain indoors till they were burned alive. The tale of a temple being filled with people and then burned with all inside is perfectly true. He saw other things which cannot be printed, sufficient to say that when the Wuhan forces relieved Lei yang they found it a place of desolation.

Terrible Torture.

Later details show that when the Communists came to Chenchow, the German and his wife hid in a ditch for a considerable length of time but were subsequently found and were later taken to the "slaughter house" where the Communists executed their prisoners.

While there they were told that an execution was going on, the method adopted by the Communists was to surround the victims by a ring of men with knives at the end of long poles. The prisoners were probed with these till they fell from sheer weakness when they were despatched by the ghouls.

The explosion which gave the engineer an opportunity of posing as a doctor and so probably saving his life was caused by one of the Communists throwing a box of detonators on a fire under the impression that they were fireworks.

Necklet of Infant Heads.

The horde were absolutely drunk with blood and each had his own particular form of devilry. One member's speciality was lopping off the heads of children and these he strung into a sort of necklet which he proudly wore!

The band was led by a soldier named Li from Tang Seng-chi's force and among his executive council were three girls.

The escape from the horde came through the two foreigners being

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STUBBS ROAD MOTORING.**DANGEROUS DRIVING CHARGE AGAINST EUROPEAN.****LADY CRITICISED.**

At the instance of Mr. E. R. Dovey, Mr. Savadio was summoned before Major C. Willson, this morning, for alleged dangerous driving in Stubbs Road, on the evening of the 16th instant.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, in evidence, stated that he was in car No. 1060 which was being driven by a lady up Stubbs Road, at 6.45 p.m. on the day in question. They were going around a curve, which lies in a deep cutting, when they were approached from the opposite direction by a large car.

Both vehicles were keeping well on their own sides of the road, but while within 12 or 15 feet of each other they heard a noise behind, and a Fiat car, driven by Mr. Savadio, was seen to be coming up rapidly from behind. It passed in between the first two vehicles, overtaking witness' car, and damaged the front, as the result of a collision. A fraction of a second later, all three cars would have been involved in a serious accident. As it was, after striking witness' car, the Fiat cleared and proceeded ahead.

In witness' opinion, it was about the worst offence that could have been committed under the circumstances.

The Lady's Licence.

Defendant:—I would like to know how long the lady was licensed to drive the car, because her driving was absolutely dangerous, and I thought it was dangerous to be behind the car.

His Worship:—I should have thought it was safer.

Mr. Dovey, in producing the licence, said it was a learner's licence. The lady in question, however, had been driving a motor-cycle for years.

Defendant:—I would like to know also if she was allowed to drive anywhere or only in a limited area?

His Worship, after looking at the licence, remarked:—In any district accompanied by a licensed driver.

Defendant:—And if it is true that Mr. Dovey had to start the car again up the hill. It looks to me as if the car was started again by Mr. Dovey and that the brake was moved by Mr. Dovey.

Mr. Dovey:—Quite correct. It was natural; the lady was so much shaken.

Good Driving.

Defendant:—And if the driving of the lady up the hill was very uncertain?

Mr. Dovey:—I could not have driven better myself. The car was pulled up in about five feet.

His Worship:—Driving is good, according to witness.

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MORE COMMUNIST TERRORISM.**EAST RIVER VILLAGES DEVASTATED.****INCENDIARY OUTBREAKS IN CAPTURED CITY.****FURTHER MASSACRES.**

A recrudescence of "Red" activity in the East River district is reported from Chinese sources. It is stated that quite a few of the flourishing villages on the upper course of the river, in the vicinity of Swatow, have again been visited and devastated by "Red" peasants and bandits.

In order to check any further untoward events the authorities in Swatow have during the past few days ordered that a most vigilant look-out be kept in the suburbs, especially at night.

Communist bandits and farmers' armed corps are reported to be storming Hweilai City, near Swatow, and urgent messages have been sent by the garrison troops inside the city to Military headquarters for help.

It is feared that if assistance does not reach Hweilai in the near future, it may fall into hands of the "Reds."

City Captured.

Following the appeal from Hweilai for assistance, the alarming report of the capture by "Reds" of Punning, a city west of Swatow, reached Canton two days ago.

It appears that on the 18th and 19th instant, a large band of "Red" Training Corps and bandits from Hweilai-hsien arrived at Punning and attacked the city, which subsequently fell, whereupon several gangs of Communist farmers and ruffians inside the city rebelled and joined the "Red" attackers.

Numerous Fires.

Once inside the city, the "Reds" started fires, as a result of which more than ten big outbreaks occurred, completely destroying numerous houses. A number of innocent inhabitants were massacred by the "Red" ruffians; the number cannot be estimated at present.

On the 22nd instant, the "Reds," not satisfied with the destruction they had done in Hweilai-hsien, visited a number of villages about ten miles from the city, where further outrages were committed.

Attack on Swatow.

Another Chinese report says that, according to passengers who have recently arrived in Hongkong from Swatow, a few hundred Communist bandits launched an attack on Swatow (the city midway between here and Swatow) but they were repulsed by the Government troops, who succeeded in killing more than 200 of them. The remainder subsequently retreated.

In view of the alarming reports from the East River many of the Hoi-Lukfung refugees, who have recently made preparations to go back to their homes, have declined to leave the Colony. They are at present awaiting more news from districts in the East River.

LINKING UP THE EMPIRE.**STRONG COMMISSION GOING TO AUSTRALIA.****ECONOMIC INTERESTS.**

London, Mar. 26. LA. Col. L. C. M. S. Amery, the Secretary for the Dominions, announced in the House of Commons that, at the request of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia, arrangements had now been made for a Commission consisting of Sir Henry McGowan, Sir Hugo Hirst, Sir Ernest Clarke and Mr. Douglas Malcolm to leave for Australia in August.

The terms of reference were to confer with the Commonwealth and the States Governments on the development of migration and with leaders of industry and commerce in Australia on the development of Australian resources, and on any other matters of mutual economic interest to Great Britain and the Commonwealth which would tend to the promotion of trade between the two countries and an increase of settlement in Australia.

Sir Harry McGowan is Chairman of the Nobel Industries, Sir Hugo Hirst is Chairman of the General Electric Company, and Mr. Malcolm is a Director of the British South Africa Company.—*British Wireless.*

RUSSIAN CHAUFFEUR FINED.**SPEEDING IN MORRISON HILL ROAD.**

P. D. Stoopin, a Russian driver of private car No. 1343, belonging to Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company, was summoned to-day for driving at a dangerous speed along Morrison Hill Road and Tin Lok Lane.

Traffic Sergeant Baker said defendant was travelling at 30 miles an hour, and alleged that defendant was insolent and non-committal in his replies to witness when he was stopped.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara, appearing for the defendant, stated that defendant was a newcomer to this Colony and was not properly acquainted with local requirements.

A fine of \$15 was imposed.

\$10,000 FINE IMPOSED.**CHINESE ADMITS OPIUM POSSESSION.**

A fine of \$10,000 was imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to a charge of possession of 166 taels of opium. The alternative was six months' hard labour. An early morning raid was carried out on 166, Des Voeux Road Central by Revenue Officer Ward and a number of detectives and resulted in the arrest of three persons who were brought before the Magistrate.

The man who was fined \$10,000 took responsibility as far as the possession of the opium was concerned and the charge against the other two men were accordingly dropped.

In answer to his Worship, the defendant stated that the opium came from Macao and that it was entrusted to him by some friends. He did not know that it was contraband.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. With what steamship company has the South African Government recently signed an agreement, and for what purpose?
2. What does "Shrove" mean, in "Shrove Tuesday"?
3. Who was "the Iron Chancellor" of Germany?
4. What country began work on the Panama Canal?
5. What is an arpeggio?
6. Who is considered the founder of English economic theory?
7. In what play by Shakespeare is there a scene (a) in a court of law, (b) in a family court?
8. Explain the origin of the following familiar sayings:—(a) A Parthian shot, (b) Killing the fatted calf.
9. Who was England's youngest Prime Minister?
10. Who wrote the following:—"Peter Simple," "Little Women," "The Lays of Ancient Rome," "Robinson Crusoe"?
11. Under what monarch were the crowns of England and Scotland united?
12. What is a "Jeremiad"? Give the origin of the word.

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SANNING GROUNDING.

HARD ASHORE AND LIKELY
TO STAY FOR PRESENT.

Vessels berthing from the West River report that s.s. Sanning is still hard ashore and with the still falling water, will, in all probability, have to remain in her present position until the next high tides. She grounded at the top of high water on the highest tide of the period, when there was at least 8 feet 6 inches over the mark, making a good 11 feet in the channel. The mark now shows only 3 feet. The next high water will be in about 10 days time, but meanwhile rumours are current that efforts to dig a channel may be made.

It is also reported that s.s. Kong Ning stuck in the Sullum Channel for 12 hours on Monday, while the s.s. Tai Lee also touched on the bar. Both vessels came off without damage.

Police Sub-Inspector O'Connor, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, was bitten by a brown mongrel dog when walking on Mount Davis Road. The Sub-Inspector went to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment and the dog was taken to Kennedy Town for observation.

LEE HYSAN LIBEL CASE.

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dialect would allow that representation. Witness said he did not know that dialect.

The next witness was Dr. C. M. Leitao, who said he was a barrister, of Portugal, and a Doctor of Laws, and was practising in Macao.

He said, in answer to Mr. Sheldon, that he received a copy of the petition with the letter in September last. In the same parcel there were two other copies which were addressed to other persons. One was addressed to Dr. Santos Montalvo, who was in Lisbon, having left Macao at least two years ago. The other was addressed to Dr. Silva Mendes, who had been absent from Macao since May of last year.

Attack on Government.

Explaining how he received the parcel, witness said that one day in September, on arriving at his office, he found the package on his desk. The packages had definitely not come through the post. He did not forward the two copies to the other men, because, in the first place, he did not think he had any obligation to do so. Also because he read the petition and considered it was, more or less, an attack against the Government of Macao. In addition he considered it, as a lawyer, to be libellous.

Mr. Sheldon:—Did you answer the letter signed by Mr. Lee Hysan which came with the petition?—No.

Did you receive any further requests from Mr. Lee for legal advice or any other communications subsequent to receiving that letter?—No.

Witness was asked by Mr. Sheldon what he understood from the following part of the letter:—"The Yue Sing Company has acquired this opium monopoly not by successful tender in open competition but through the influence of certain persons. It is Ah Nok (Chinese character sound) and the new Opium Officer, Lo Bo (Chinese character sound) who used their influence to put matters through. The Government allowed this Company to do what they liked. Notably it is a Government monopoly run according to law, but in fact it is a case in which the head of a sheep was hung for a sign-board and dog's flesh was sold instead."

Witness replied that he understood from that that his Government had been dishonest and had done something which was not legal in connexion with the monopoly.

Mr. Sheldon then asked witness's opinion of the following:—"For obtaining this privilege, not only have much effort been expended by influential persons but the sum of \$120,000 has been expended. According to the announcement of the Company to shareholders the sum of \$70,000 was paid through Ah Nok's hand to Tuk Po (Chinese character sound); you can find out the meaning of it or who he is."

For Governor's Wife.

Witness answered that he understood from that, that the money was paid to obtain the monopoly and that part of the \$70,000 was handed through Ah Nok to be paid to the wife of the Governor.

Mr. Sheldon was proceeding to further question the witness when his Lordship suggested that counsel should clear up that later point.

Mr. Potter objected to the point, saying that a serious suggestion of that kind should have been opened.

Mr. Sheldon produced authorities on the point, which his Lordship held not to be good, and he over-ruled counsel.

Mr. Sheldon then asked witness what he understood by the following translation which follows the previous quotation:—"The sum of \$50,000 through Lo Bo to Tsai Teng (Chinese character sound); you can find out the meaning of it or who he is."

Witness replied that he understood, from that, that the sum of \$50,000 had been handed to the Colonial Treasury or someone in the Treasury through Lobo.

As regards Mr. Lobo what, in your opinion, was the meaning of this letter?—Mr. Lobo, being employed therein, had been more or less conniving with the Company in obtaining the monopoly.

Witness's Denials.

Replying to Mr. Jenkin witness denied that he was for some years legal adviser to Mr. Lee Hysan, but admitted that he was adviser to a Company in which Mr. Lee Hysan was interested.

You were adviser to Mr. Lee Hysan under his firm name, were you?—The Opium Company of Macao, of which he was a director.

As far as you were concerned was not the Opium Company the same as Mr. Lee Hysan?

Mr. Alabaster objected to the question, but was over-ruled.

Witness replied in the negative, saying that many people had an interest in the Company.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police states:

Governor's Inspection.

The Inspection by His Excellency the Governor which was previously fixed for March 28th, is postponed to April 17th.

Practice Parade.

All members of the Chinese, Indian, and Sharpshooters' Companies will attend practice parades on the Central Police Station Compound on Wednesdays, April 4th and 11th. Fall in at 3.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Uniform, Helmet and Belt.

Flying Squad.

The next weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section on Thursday, March 29th, will start from Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. All members are to attend.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Open Revolver Competition.—The Annual Rifle Meeting of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps to be held on Sunday, April 8th, and Monday, April 9th, includes an Open Revolver Competition for which members of the Sharpshooters' Company may enter. Firing may be carried out on the range at Stonecutters at any time on the above two days. Unlimited entries are permitted at a cost of twenty cents per entry. Any type of revolver or automatic may be used and competitors provide their own ammunition. The firing is deliberate, six shots at twenty yards range stationary bull's eye target. Entries are made at the range. (Sgd.) W. KENT.

RETURNED BANISHEES.

"OLD FRIEND OF THE COURT."

Banished from the Colony for life in 1922, a Chinese with a long list of crimes on his record, returned to the Colony about a month ago. He was recognised by the police and brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, charged with returning from banishment. On pleading guilty, he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and twenty strokes.

Another man, who was sent away in 1925 for five years, was found in the Colony. He could not resist his yearning for a life of crime, otherwise his presence here might have remained undetected. As it was, he was found in possession of an elegant watch and fob, of the possession of which he could give no satisfactory account. He was charged before Mr. Lindsell with unlawful possession of the watch and also with returning from banishment. Remarkably the defendant was an "old friend" of the Court, his Worship passed sentences totalling nine months' hard labour and fifteen strokes.

GERMANS IN "RED" HANDS.

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sent back by Li to Chenchow to organise a hospital. However, in the meantime the local people had rounded on the Communists and as the stiffening of soldiers had departed for Linyang, managed to defeat them.

On arrival at Chenchow the party found that the people were wearing white armlets instead of red and the engineer managed to change his in time. When they were surrounded and it was discovered who they were the foreigners were taken to a house while the two Communist guards were taken away and beheaded.

The engineer and his wife managed to board a sampan during the night and drifted down river till they reached Hengchow, the journey taking five days.

Mr. Jenkin:—You received an annual retainer from that Company of \$2,400 a year?—No, I received that money as I was the first chief lawyer in the Colony.

Witness denied that he was under a retainer on the day when he received the petition. That finished when the opium monopoly expired in Macao, about the end of June. He was last paid his annual fee during 1926 and was paid for last year, until the expiry of the contract.

Would you consider yourself bound, under that retainer, to advise the Company in connexion with its winding up when the Government took it over?—No, not after the expiry.

Why not?—My contract was only until the end of the monopoly. The case is proceeding.

HOW IT IS MADE.

"WATCHING THE WHEELS GO ROUND."

One of the favourite occupations of messenger boys, retired Indian colonels, people 'oop for the day and Hongkong residents on Home leave is to watch the men with the pneumatic toothpicks perform marvels of dentistry on the surface of Pleadilly. Here, in Hongkong it is not done, except at Chinese New Year, when all things are possible, to stand and watch a Chinese workman hammer out a brass bowl from the sheet of metal, or the powder-maker conjure up a work of art under his skillful fingers. I have stood and watched primitive dental operations in the market, and seen the intricacies of ear-cleaning and tongue-scrapping carried on in the light of day, but all the time one felt that it was not the common rule to do that. One wonders why; the inner workings of a jade shop, or an ivory carver's den, for I am sure it is a den, were hidden mysteries to me. I never could understand how they got the little ivory balls inside each other; one of the Four Georges was worried in a similar way about the apple in the dumpling, I believe. I often pick up stray feathers from my table, autumnal feathers shed from an ageing duster used in a perfumery way by a slightly bored cleaner-up, who wonders why this craze for eternal polish and dusting.

Wood-blocks I have seen, used in magazines, illustrating some event, or a line drawing of a caricature, true in every detail to the original; all done by hand. I have since found out, by patient Chinese woodcarvers; the 'chop' without which a Chinese business man is lost, sometimes carved in ivory, or rock crystal, or even in wood. These little known trades fascinate me. I always want to know how things are made, and how they work; at a very early age the internal of watches were as an open book to me, due to my mischievous prying fingers.

The opportunity to indulge in this thirst for information is strictly limited in Hongkong; the language difficulty prohibits a great deal of explanation on the part of the worker; Punch had, during Wembley, the drawing of a small boy, carrying a large Chinese lantern. On enquiry, his mother found that it had come from one of the shops in "Hongkong."

"How much did you pay for it?" was her first question.

"Didn't pay nothing. The man couldn't speak English, an' I couldn't speak bamboo, so I just took it!"

Although some of us pride ourselves on our knowledge of bamboo, and can speak with a certain degree of accuracy and fluency, in the Demonstration Area at the "China" Exhibition we shall not need it, only just enough to show off before those who do not aspire to that standard of education, for there will be interpreters to explain and elucidate the various processes to be seen. Here will be gathered under one roof about 18 different trades, each in full working order, and one has only to pay a small fee in order to watch other men labour, no small privilege in itself!

On a recent excursion to the monastery at Castle Peak, several persons in the party, on seeing a woman grinding rice, cheerfully paid 10 cents to the lady at the wheel for permission to turn the heavy millstones, a proceeding at which she must privately have wondered concerning the mentality of the amateur millers. Had she known that one or two Scotsmen were among her helpers, doubtless she would have wondered more. Possibly similar feelings will be engendered in the breasts of these Chinese craftsmen, when they see others paying good cents to watch what to them is a very everyday task.

They have their reward, for similar goods to those which they are fashioning will be sold in another part of the grounds, and maybe some percentage of the wealth that accrues to their business will find its way into their pockets.

To watch the nimble fingers of the man who is making little wax dolls, replicas of China's actors and actresses, is an occupation that affords untold interest. Out of a box full of different coloured wax, he adds a little here, pinches there, rolls a long worm-like strip between his fingers, makes a deft touch with a bit of bamboo, and after a final dab of colour, mounts the finished product upon a piece of stick, and there you are, all for a few cents! He turns out these masterpieces at a rapid rate, using no tools other than his hands, and silver of wood.

Fire-crackers, too, of which China uses millions, the manufacture of these is a specialised art. There are other interesting items, but your curiosity is now whetted, and I must not dilate at too great

CANTON DECISION.

OFFICIALS DECLINE TO ACCEDE TO SALARY CUT.

Canton, March 27.

According to local official circles, Marshal Li Chai-sum will return from Nanking very shortly. General Wang Shao-hung, acting commander-in-chief in Canton, has requested General Li Ching, chief aide-de-camp to proceed to Hongkong to arrange necessary travelling facilities for the Marshal.

It has been rumoured in the city that Marshal Li was placed under arrest by Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and is still being detained, and the authorities have ordered the police to deal severely with persons spreading the absurd story.

The Provincial Government decided at last week's regular meeting that the civil officials of Kwangtung cannot make further contributions to the northern expedition fund. A recent mandate of the Nanking Nationalist Government requires civil officials in all provinces to contribute 20 per cent of their salaries to the war chest.

Kwangtung officials explain they have suffered heavy loss through the depreciation of the Central Bank notes.—Nam Chung Pao.

TROOP REDUCTION URGED.

FAVoured BY KWANGSI FACTION.

Shanghai, Mar. 25.

Quite a number of influential Kuomintang military leaders are urging troops reduction, it being said that both General Pei Chung-hsi, one of the leaders of the Kwangsi faction, and General Cheng Chien, the Nationalist Commander who drove Tang Seng-chi out of Wuhan, favour this course. General Cheng Chien is now in Hunan and he states that on the arrival of General Li Tsung-jen he will immediately leave.

It is also reported that both General Pei Chung-hsi and General Cheng Chien have repeatedly wired to General Li Tsung-jen requesting him to come to Hupoh to direct the Branch Political Council and military administration of the province. The activities of Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen in Hunan and Hupoh are noteworthy, for they are prominent members of the Kwangsi faction, to which Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton belongs.

CINEMA FIRE STAMPEDE.

ITALIAN TOWN'S DEATH-ROLL.

Rome, Feb. 27.

A cinema fire involving the loss of at least thirty lives occurred last night at Moriago, near Treviso. Many children were killed. Moriago is a village of two thousand inhabitants. The fire was caused by the film breaking into flames, and the loss of life was largely due to a terrible panic ensuing as the terrified people rushed panic-stricken to the single exit. The fire quickly obtained a hold of the woodwork of the building.

Three hundred persons were inside at the time of the outbreak, including the Governor, who tried vainly to calm the excited people. A terrible picture is given of the scene as the villagers learnt of the disaster, mothers rushing to see if their children were safe. It is feared that several of the people were crushed to death in the stampede caused by there being only one exit.

Red Cross officials, firemen, and soldiers hastened to the scene immediately from Treviso.

There were 1,105 separate fatal accidents, causing 1,208 deaths, in mines and quarries during 1927. Of these deaths 1,126 were through accidents in coal mines, 18 in metalliferous mines, and 67 in quarries. These figures for the coal mines are less than in 1925—the last full working year. In 1925 the number of deaths was 1,186 in the case of the coal mines. The figures dispose of the argument that the repeal of the Seven Hours Act has made the work more dangerous and caused more accidents. The longer working day was in operation all through 1927, and not in 1925.

In length, something must be left for the visit. The earliest opportunity will be to-morrow, at 8 p.m. in the St. Andrew's Church Hall, and grounds, when the China Exhibition opens.—Continued.

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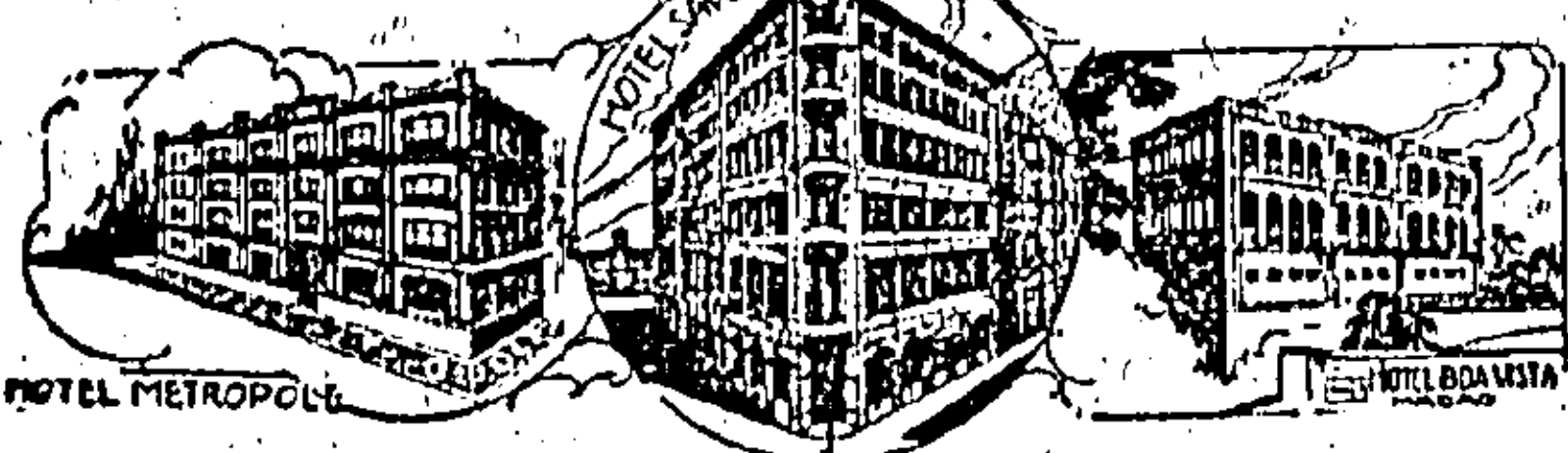
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COMMUNIST PLOTS
AT SWATOW.POLICE PLANS FOR A
REVOLT.ATTACK ON CENTRAL STATION
PREVENTED.

LEADERS EXECUTED.

Swatow, Mar. 25.
Persistent secret plotting of local
Communists continues to come to
light. Disaffection appears to have
been discovered in the Police Force,
and Communist "cells" in two of
the Police Divisions of the port are
being weeded out.

So far, no public announcement
has been made, but there seems
little reason to doubt the report that
on Wednesday night it was found
that a group of the police of the
Second Division had made all pre-
parations for a sudden revolt, and
intended to attack the Central Sta-
tion.

Immediate measures were taken
by the authorities, the disaffected
men were disarmed, and, it is said,
the leaders were strangled.

Another Plot.

To-day it is reported that the
chief of the Third Division has been
found to be in league with the Com-
munists along the railway line, and
has been summarily shot.

The continued discovery of plots
which, if successful, would throw
the place into at least temporary
confusion, shows the vitality and
determination of the Communist
element.

There is a report that Hui-lai has
again fallen to the Hai-lukfung
Communists, and fresh batches of
refugees are flocking into the port.
Reinforcements for the troops are,
however, coming in from Canton.

Mr. Hsiao Kwan-ying has resign-
ed the office of Mayor, and the Canton
Government has appointed Mr.
Huang Kai-shan in his place.

A Contrast.

It is inevitable that in these dis-
turbed times what is chronicled is
mainly news concerning the points
of disturbance, both because of its
intrinsic importance, and because of
its possible reaction on the more
peaceful life which is nevertheless
going on over other wide areas.

In the areas in which Communism
has less of a hold, and where only
mere bandits and petty robbers
trouble the scene, there is however,
a substantial amount of this peace-
ful life. Trade is difficult because
of the lack of safety on the main
routes, but merchants become expert
at estimating the chance of the
alternative routes, and at picking
those which are open. A road which
a week or two ago would be pro-
nounced unsafe is said with confi-
dence to be quite safe to-day. To-
morrow it is known that that way
is uncertain, but another is open.
So people adjust themselves to con-
ditions.

Much Poppy-Growing.

Farming is going on as usual.
The plots of yellow-green seedling
rice are about ready for planting
out, and the paddy fields have been
inundated, and are being ploughed
up for the planting. I have just
been "up-country" for the first time
for two and a half years and found
the usual normal friendly peasant
life going on. Only much more
precaution has to be taken about
routes, and all travelling after dark
is to be avoided. It is, too, a
natural precaution not to advertise
one's plans too broadly.

In the district I found, in addition
to the usual crops, a large amount
of poppy, very flourishing and no
doubt a source of considerable in-
come to the villages. It is, however,
I should imagine but a poor ex-
change for the proceeds of more
legitimate labour in quieter times.

Rough and Ready Justice.

Village life has always in China
had its own rough and ready ways
of securing justice and order; so
when one meets what seem to be
disorderly means to compass in-
dividual rights it is not easy to
know whether they are normal or
due to the present troubles.

In one village in the hills where
I spent a night there was amused
excitement because a captive had
just been brought in. It appeared
that a few days previously the child
of a family in the village which had
made a little money had been cap-
tured and held to ransom by robbers
at the instigation of a man in an-
other village up the valley.

The ransom had been paid, but
now the village was getting its own
back, having in its turn captured on
his way to market the man origi-
nally responsible for their trouble.

Clan Revenge.

Next day, as we returned to our
headquarters at the foot of the hills,
we met a long line of young men
running out of the village,
full of excitement and very purpose-
ful, with carrying poles over their
shoulders. They were making for
another little village near by in
which, in some way not quite cer-

PEACEFUL END TO
DEBATE.SOUTH AFRICA RATIFIES
UNANIMOUSLY.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

Cape Town, Mar. 26.
A pleasant tone prevailed when
the Assembly continued the debate
on the report of the Imperial Con-
ference.

Mr. Hertzog, replying to Gen-
eral Smuts, who on the 15th spoke
feelingly on support of Great
Britain, declared that he merely
desired to emphasise that South
Africa had the right to remain
neutral in the event of Britain
going to war.

He was, however, prepared to
admit that the claim of neutrality
would be a flagrant breach of
faith.

On the basis of full national in-
dependence, the Dutch-speaking
population would support Empire
co-operation as strongly as the
English-speaking populations.

They had hitherto failed to do
so because before the Imperial
Conference made its report, the
word Empire conveyed a meaning
of a super-State and a super-
Authority. Nothing could be
more fatal to Empire co-operation
than the resurrection of the con-
viction that the Empire was in-
consistent with Dominion in-
dependence.

At the conclusion of Mr.
Hertzog's speech, the motion be-
fore the House for ratification of
the Report of the Imperial Con-
ference, was carried unanimously.
—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

TWO LONDON TEAMS LOSE
AT HOME.

London, Mar. 26.
At Craven Cottage to-day, in the
Second Division of the English
League, Hull City defeated Ful-
ham by two goals to nil.

Charlton Athletic were also de-
feated on their own ground, South-
end winning a Third Division
(South) match by 2 goals to one.

In the Northern Section, Hull
fax defeated Southport by a goal
to nothing. —Reuter.

LOAN OVER-
SUBSCRIBED.ISSUE BY REPUBLIC OF
COLUMBIA.

New York, Mar. 26.
The issue of \$35,000,000 of
Republic of Columbia 6 per cent.
Sinking Fund Bonds, redeemable
in 1961, and offered by an inter-
national syndicate at 95½, was
heavily over-subscribed. —Reuter's
American Service.

MONSOON WILL MODERATE.

The Royal Observatory Weather
report states:—The anticyclone
has weakened and is now central
over Shanghai. The monsoon will
moderate along the coast and over
the China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow
is:—East winds, moderate; fair.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—
1. Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company,
for adequate and increasing refrigerating
space in steamers and reduction of freight
rates on numerous exports. 2. It refers to
the day on which people were "shivered" (i.e.,
received a shivering for their sins) before the
beginning of Lent. 3. Blumfeldt (1916-1889).
4. France in 1881. 5. The striking of the
mine at South Wales (1913-1914). 6. "Marchant
of Venice." (b) "Romeo and Juliet." 8. (a)
Parish of St. James, London. (b) The first
shooting of their arrows in flight. (c) The Pro-
digious Son received a great welcome on his
return home. 9. William Pitt the Younger,
who became Prime Minister at the age of
twenty-four. 10. Captain Marryat, Louis
May, Alcott, Lord Macaulay, Daniel Defoe,
James I. of England, who was James VI.
of Scotland. 12. A lamentation. Derived from
the Book of Lamentations, in the Bible, writ-
ten by Jeremiah.

tains ascertained, a young girl re-
lative married to that place had
been killed. They were off to rob
the village, intending to seize what-
ever took their fancy, lead away the
buffaloes, carry off the poultry, and
rob the foodstuffs.

It was the way in which the clan
to which the girl originally belonged
were going to avenge her death.
She may have committed suicide
after ill-treatment by her husband
and mother-in-law, or she may have
died from ill-treatment, but this
was the time-honoured way of get-
ting justice. Presumably later
middle-men would be called in to
settle the matter. It is not impos-
sible that the girl's death had
family at all, an obvious reason for
objecting to this rough and ready
methods of revenge. The story told
on the evening of that day was that
she had been shot through the head
by a robber as she bent over the
evening meal on the day before. —
Our Own Correspondent.

DISTRESS IN COAL
INDUSTRY.ACUTE SITUATION IN
SOUTH WALES.OVER 200,000 UNLIKELY TO
GET JOBS AGAIN.

GOVERNMENT ALIVE.

London, Mar. 26.
In the House of Commons to-day,
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the
Labour leader, raised the question
of distress in the mining areas of
South Wales.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the
Minister of Health, replying, said
he found confidence in South
Wales among miners, mine-owners
and managers that in due course of
time the situation would recover
and the coal industry of South
Wales would regain at any rate a
large measure of its former pros-
perity.

While that might be true of the
industry as a whole, he agreed that
in certain particular districts there
could be no such hope.

Unprecedented Situation.

One had to recognise that there
might be a number of men
estimated at some 200,000 who
were unlikely to find permanent
employment in the mining indus-
try again.

That was the situation, which, as
far as he knew, in our time, was
unprecedented, and it was one
which might call for exceptional
measures.

The Government would not be
deterred from taking such excep-
tional measures.

If there were large numbers of
miners who could no longer find
employment, obviously it would be
a great mistake to take measures,
the effect of which would be still
to tie them down to places where
they could not earn their own
livings.

Transference.

The problem resolved itself into
one of transference from a
place where there was no work for
them, to places where there was
work.

Difficulty about the transference
of these people was that they were
miners. The Government were,
however, taking steps to give them
training in order to make it more
easy for them to embark upon
other means of support. —British
Wireless.

ANXIETY OVER LONG
FLIGHTS.AIR SECRETARY ASKED TO
COMPEL WIRELESS.

London, Mar. 26.
Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary
for Air, was asked in Parliament
whether he would consider the
introduction of legislation making
it compulsory for all aeroplanes
taking off from Great Britain with
the object of flying any distance
exceeding 1,000 miles, to be equip-
ped with wireless, and to carry
satisfactory life-saving apparatus.

Sir Samuel Hoare replied that,
as at present advised, he did not
think it desirable to take powers
to assume such far-reaching con-
trol over private aircraft.

Any such regulations would be
beset with peculiar difficulty and
would be hardly likely to achieve
their object. Neither Colonel
Lindbergh nor Captain Hinkler
carried wireless, and their flights
would have been impracticable
had they been required to do so. —
British Wireless.

WOMEN PEACEMAKERS
INDIGNANT.URGE SUPPORT OF SOVIET
PROPOSALS.

Geneva, Mar. 26.
The Executive Committee of the
Women's International League of
Peace and Freedom has addressed
a letter to Sir Austen Chamber-
lain, Dr. Benes, and Count Bern-
storff drawing attention to the de-
vastating effects of the import of
arms and ammunition to China,
and appealing to them to use their
influence to suppress the traffic.

The Committee also expresses
indignation at the refusal of cer-
tain Governments to ratify the
eight-hours working day Conven-
tion, and recommended that active
propaganda be undertaken in
favour of early ratification of the
Convention.

The women also urge that full
support should be given to the So-
viet proposals for complete dis-
armament. —Reuter.

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